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Alaska Judicial Council Public Hearings and Meetings for the Anchorage Superior Court & Bethel District Court

The Alaska Judicial Council will hold public hearings to receive comments about the applicants for vacancies on the Anchorage Superior and Bethel District Courts. Members of the public are invited to participate in person at each location or by calling Zoom access toll-free.

The applicants who have applied for the Anchorage Superior Court vacancy are Kate Demarest, Kari McCrea, Danée Pontious, and William Taylor. Comment on these applicants at **11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, at the Boney Courthouse, Supreme Court Courtroom, 303 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska, or via Zoom: Call **toll-free: 1 888 788 0099** with **Meeting ID: 570 085 6779#**.

The applicants who have applied for the Bethel District Court vacancy are Joy Anderson and Matthew Faulks. Comment on these applicants at **1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, 2025**, at the Nora Guinn Justice Complex, Courtroom 5, 204 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway, Bethel, Alaska, or via Zoom: **Call toll-free: 1 888 788 0099** with **Meeting ID: 556 921 0917#**.

The Council will meet in Anchorage on May 20, and in Bethel on May 21, 2025, to interview applicants and nominate the most qualified for the vacancy, and to discuss administrative matters. The Anchorage judicial vacancy is due to the forthcoming retirement of Judge Kevin M. Saxby, and the Bethel judicial vacancy is due to the appointment of Judge William T. Montgomery to the Bethel Superior Court.

The Alaska Judicial Council's mission is to screen and nominate judicial applicants, evaluate the performance of judges, and make evaluation information and recommendations available to the voters, and conduct studies and make recommendations to improve the administration of justice.

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