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Press Release

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Alaska Judicial Council Public Hearings and Meetings for Judicial Vacancies, and for Judicial Retention Evaluations

Anchorage Superior Court
Bethel Superior Court
Bethel District Court

Evaluation of Judges Eligible to Stand for Retention in 2018

The Alaska Judicial Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments about applicants for three Anchorage Superior Court vacancies at **12:30 p.m., on Monday, June 11, 2018**, at the Boney Courthouse, Supreme Court Courtroom, 303 K Street, Anchorage.

The Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments about applicants for the Bethel Superior and District Courts at **12:00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 13, 2018**, at the Bethel Courthouse, Courtroom 5, Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway, Bethel.

Summary of Applicants for Judgeships:

Anchorage Superior Court 6/18	Bethel Superior Court 6/18	Bethel District Court 6/18
Suzanne Cole Roberta C. Erwin Martin C. Fallon Gregory Fisher Una Sonia Gandhir Josie Garton Cheryl Mandala Thomas A. Matthews Donna J. McCready Lisa B. Nelson Douglas C. Perkins Peter R. Ramgren Elizabeth Russo Thomas I. Temple	Terrence P. Haas Melony P. Lockwood Tara Logsdon Michael Sean McLaughlin Will Montgomery David L. Roghair	Terrence P. Haas Melony P. Lockwood Tara Logsdon Michael Sean McLaughlin Will Montgomery Heather O'Brien David L. Roghair

The Council will meet in Anchorage on June 10-11, and in Bethel on June 13, 2018 to interview the most qualified applicants for the vacancies, and to discuss administrative matters. The Council will vote its nominations in public session on June 29 for the Anchorage vacancies, and on June 13 for the Bethel vacancies. The Anchorage vacancies will be created by the forthcoming retirements of Anchorage Superior Court Judges Frank A. Pfiffner, Mark Rindner, and John Suddock. The Bethel Superior Court vacancy is created by the retirement of Judge Dwayne W. McConnell, and the Bethel District Court vacancy is created by the appointment of Judge Nathaniel Peters to the Bethel Superior Court.

On June 12, the Council will meet to review the performance of seventeen judges eligible to stand for retention in November of 2018. The Council will take a public vote on June 12 to recommend to the public whether the seventeen judges eligible to stand for retention should be retained for another term in office. The Judicial Council is required by law to evaluate the performance of judges eligible to stand for retention and to make the evaluation information available to the public. The Council's recommendations, and the performance evaluation information, will be published in the official election pamphlet and on the Judicial Council's web site.

For more information, please go to the Council's website at www.ajc.state.ak.us or call (907) 279-2526. If you cannot attend in person, you may call 1-800-768-2983 with access code 3309677#, for the public hearing in Anchorage, and 1-800-768-2983 with access code 5431120# for the public hearing in Bethel.