

February 5, 2025

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski ([ak\\_judge@murkowski.senate.gov](mailto:ak_judge@murkowski.senate.gov))

Dear Senator Murkowski:

I am writing to express my interest in the vacancy on the United States District Court for the District of Alaska.

I was born and raised in Anchorage. I am a first generation Alaskan and first-generation American. My parents emigrated to the U.S. from Argentina and the Czech Republic and Spanish was my first language.

As a current Superior Court Judge I am deeply committed to upholding the rule of law and ensuring justice is served with fairness, integrity, and impartiality. It would be an honor to contribute to the federal judiciary and bring my experience to that position.

Throughout my time as a judge, I have handled a broad range of cases, including complex civil and criminal matters. I handle each case with a thoughtful approach to the law and am committed to maintaining an impartial and respectful courtroom, where I give each litigant the time to be heard so that I may consider all perspectives before rendering a decision. My experience on the bench has given me a greater understanding of the judicial process, and my ability to manage a large and diverse caseload will serve me well on the federal bench. I have presided over jury trials, bench trials, evidentiary hearings, discovery hearings, and oral arguments. Those matters have included constitutional matters, statutory interpretation, regulatory review, and administrative agency review.

Before taking the bench, I spent 15 years as an attorney in private practice, representing clients in both state and federal courts. This experience allowed me to develop expertise in a wide array of legal areas, including commercial litigation, contract disputes, employment law, construction litigation, land use issues, fisheries and natural resource regulation, and constitutional issues. Additionally, I regularly performed pro bono legal services for clients in need.

I have been honored to serve as a Superior Court Judge and would be honored to serve on the federal bench. I believe I possess the legal skills, judicial temperament and empathy that you would want in a Federal Judge.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss how my background, qualifications, and commitment to public service align with what you believe are the needs of the federal judiciary.

Sincerely,



Adolf Zeman

## Adolf V. Zeman

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Superior Court Judge – State of Alaska** *Anchorage, AK*, August 2020 - present

- Trial court judge with a civil docket presiding over a wide range of civil cases including complex civil litigation, medical malpractice, insurance disputes, oil and gas taxation, employment, personal injury, domestic relations, child protective matter, domestic violence, mental health commitments, post-conviction relief, and appellate cases from administrative agencies and district court. Preside over criminal jury trials when needed and preside over the Felony Drug/DUI therapeutic court.
- Manage an incredibly large docket while maintaining complex trial schedules, hear pre-trial motions, and oversee the jury selection process. Maintain courtroom decorum and ensure a fair process where all parties are heard.

**Partner – Landye Bennett Blumstein LLP** *Anchorage, AK*, April 2012 – July 2020

- Represented local, national, and international businesses in complex civil litigation matters - regularly appearing before State and Federal Courts, Regulatory Commission of Alaska, administrative agencies, and arbitration panels. Clients included Native Corporations, oil & gas, construction, and telecommunication companies. Provided legal services to local governments throughout the State of Alaska.

**Associate/Partner – DeLisio Moran Geraghty & Zobel, PC** *Anchorage, AK*, Sept. 2005 – April 2012

- Performed the same legal services as noted above – firm merged into Landye Bennett Blumstein.

**Law Clerk – Honorable Stephanie Joannides, Superior Court Judge** *Anchorage, AK*, Sept. 2004 – Sept. 2005

- Conducted legal research, drafted orders and bench memoranda, prepared jury instructions, and assisted with chambers operations.

### EDUCATION

- *Gonzaga University School of Law*, Spokane, WA, J.D., May 2004
- *University of Buenos Aires School of Law*, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Aug. 2003- Dec.2003
- *University of Oregon*, Eugene, OR, B.S., December 2000
- *University of Alaska Anchorage*, Anchorage, AK, August 1996 – May 1997

## **PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Serve on Alaska Bar Association Law Related Education Committee, Court's Newer Judges Conference Planning Committee, Chair Civil Pattern Jury Instructions Committee, Early Resolution Program, and serve as mentor judge to new judge.

Served on the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Alaska, Board of Directors for University of Oregon Alumni Association, youth soccer coach, and volunteer at Government Hill Elementary and Romig Middle School.

Enjoy spending time with family and friends at our cabin, fishing, traveling, soccer, and cooking.