

Statement of Candidacy of Steven Hansen
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I have a strong interest in securing capable representation for citizens who are unable to afford it at times in their lives when they are acutely in need of quality advocacy. I represented indigent criminal defendants and parents in Child in Need of Aid matters with the Alaska Public Defender Agency in Fairbanks for 9 years before entering private practice. Prior to that, during my final two years of law school, I clerked for the mental health division of the Public Defender Service in Washington, DC, supporting attorneys providing legal representation for respondents facing civil commitment.

I am currently in private practice in Fairbanks, with CSG, Inc. I have a diverse caseload which includes family law, probate, criminal defense, and a fair amount of general civil litigation which has further familiarized me with the type of services ALSC specializes in offering. In this position I have represented victims of domestic violence in DVPO and custody hearings and value the need for effective advocacy to ensure their voices are heard in the courthouse.

In addition to my legal work, I have served on the board of the Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks, helping oversee a program providing competitive skiing training programs, extensive trail grooming, and lessons for new skiers. While at the Public Defender Agency I spent a year as legal director for North Star Youth Court, providing local high school students instruction in the law and supervision for their court. I have been a resident of the Fairbanks area since 2009 where my wife Jamie and I are happy to be raising our two young daughters.