

February 3, 2025

Senator Lisa Murkowski
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510



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Re: Solicitation of Candidates for U.S. District Court Judge Vacancy

Senator Murkowski:

I write to express my interest in filling the most recently vacated seat on the District Court of Alaska. I believe that my professional legal experience over the past 25 years, including over three years as a Magistrate Judge, 15 years as a federal prosecutor, and six years as an Army Judge Advocate, demonstrates that I have the experience, intellect, and judicial temperament to be an effective United States District Court Judge.

The law is essential for ensuring a just, civil, and prosperous society. At this time, when confidence in the judiciary is at historic lows, it is critical that a district court judge be someone who has a demonstrated record of service and leadership; is respected in their community; and brings a seriousness and commitment of purpose to the position. Moreover, in light of the current judicial vacancies that exist within the District of Alaska, it is essential that the person who is nominated to the position have experience and familiarity with the federal courts so they can serve effectively from the moment of their confirmation. I believe I am that person.

It would be an honor to serve the District of Alaska as a United States District Judge. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kyle Reardon".

Kyle Reardon

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**United States Magistrate Judge, District of Alaska
Anchorage, Alaska**

**October 2021 -
Present**

- Preside over all phases of civil cases upon consent of the parties; current caseload includes approximately 30 civil cases, including civil rights, habeas petitions, commercial litigation, and social security appeals
- Prepare reports and recommendations on dispositive matters and orders on non-dispositive matters in referred civil cases, including civil rights, habeas petitions, environmental and commercial litigation, and admiralty
- Preside over all phases of Class A misdemeanor cases with consent, and all petty offense cases
- Conduct pretrial proceedings in criminal cases, including initial appearances, arraignments, detention hearings, preliminary hearings, motions to suppress, and motions to compel discovery
- Approve or deny search warrant applications, pen-register and trap trace applications, and 2703(d) non-disclosure orders
- Lead District of Alaska civic education outreach efforts; Member of Alaska Bar Association Law Related Education Committee
- Serve on the 9th Circuit Wellness Committee

**Assistant United States Attorney, District of Alaska
Anchorage, Alaska**

**September 2014 -
October 2021**

- Deputy Criminal Chief (March 2021 - October 2021)
 - Supervised 8 Assistant United States Attorneys; Member of the district's management team responsible for assisting in the development and implementation of district priorities
- Senior Litigation Counsel (March 2018 - March 2021)
 - Responsible for the continued education of career prosecutors; Mentored and trained newly-hired Assistant United States Attorneys; Supervised the preparation of cases proceeding to trial and assisted in the development of trial strategy
- Project Safe Childhood Coordinator (June 2016 - March 2021)
 - Responsible for the district's efforts to prosecute child exploitation crimes; Conducted internet safety outreach and led outreach efforts for the district's Rural Alaska Anti-violence Enforcement Network (RAAVEN) initiative in an effort to engage local law enforcement and increase federal child exploitation prosecutions in rural Alaska
- Lead prosecutor in over a hundred child exploitation, gun and drug, and fraud cases; Successfully tried 9 felony cases and defended and argued cases on appeal before the 9th Circuit

**Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of California
Sacramento, California**

**February 2007 -
September 2014**

- Project Safe Childhood Coordinator responsible for the district's efforts to prosecute child exploitation crimes and conduct internet-safety outreach
- Lead prosecutor in hundreds of sex trafficking, child exploitation, fraud, and immigration cases; Successfully tried 12 cases and defended and argued cases before the 9th Circuit
- Presenter at Department of Justice child exploitation training courses on the investigation and prosecution of online child exploitation and sex trafficking cases

**Law Clerk, Eastern District of California
Sacramento, California**

**November 2005 -
February 2007**

- Wrote over 30 draft opinions for two magistrate judges for motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, habeas petitions, civil rights litigation, and administrative appeals

**Judge Advocate
United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps**

**July 1999 -
August 2005**

- Command Judge Advocate, Special Operations Command Europe, Stuttgart, Germany (August 2003 - July 2005)
 - Advised General Officer commander on all legal matters relating to special operations in Europe, including operations in the Global War on Terror and the deployment of Special Operations forces in support of security at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games; Assisted with the implementation and management of the Pan-Sahel Initiative, a State Department led effort to train and equip military forces in Mali, Niger, Mauritania, and Chad
- Senior Trial Counsel, 1st Infantry Division, Wuerzburg, Germany (August 2002 - August 2003)
 - Senior Prosecutor for the Army's busiest court-martial jurisdiction; counseled and trained 17 junior prosecutors
- Trial Counsel, Air Defense Artillery Command, Ft. Bliss, Texas (July 1999 - August 2002)
 - Legal Advisor to Brigade Commander; responsible for military justice matters for 1500 soldiers; Administrative and environmental law attorney

EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia - J.D., 1999

- Lile Moot Court

Centre College of Kentucky, Danville, Kentucky - B.S. Economics, 1993

- Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

COMMUNITY INTERESTS

- Alyeska and Denali Volunteer Ski Patrol - 2017 - Present
- Mission is Russian (MIR) Parent-Teacher Association - September 2014 - Present
- Turnagain Elementary Parent-Teacher Association - September 2014 - May 2023
- Volunteer YMCA Coach - 2014-2018