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November 11, 2021

Danielle Bailey, Executive Director  
Alaska Bar Association

Re: Alaska Judicial Council Application

Dear Director Bailey,

Attached is my nominating petition for the Alaska Judicial Council.

I am currently a sole practitioner in Juneau specializing in mediation. My lengthy legal experience includes civil litigation and criminal defense work in the public and private sectors, federal and state judgeships in the First Judicial District and work as an adjunct professor for paralegal studies at the University of Alaska Southeast. I am applying to serve on the Judicial Council because I believe that the work of the Council is vital to insuring the integrity, quality and independence of Alaska's judges.

Thank you,

Patricia ("Tricia") Collins

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November 8, 2021

Alaska Bar Association  
Board of Governors  
*Via Email: bailey@alaskabar.org*

Re: First Judicial District Attorney Seat, Alaska Judicial Council

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Alaska Judicial Council and helping fulfill its critical role of selecting and reviewing qualified judicial applicants.

My eighteen plus years of civil and criminal practice before the Alaska bench has instilled in me a deep appreciation of Alaska's merit-based judicial selection system. Public faith in an independent judiciary is the bedrock of a peaceful society, and selecting judges according to professional credentials and integrity cements that faith. Having an opportunity to maintain public confidence in the judicial system by serving as a member of the Council would be a meaningful investment of time and energy.

With the support of my family and employers, I am prepared for the significant commitment required by this position. I can also assure the Bar that I would make every effort to approach the work impartially, with the best interests of the public in mind.

Kind regards,

/s/

Holly Handler  
Alaska Bar No. 0301006

*Attachments:*

Resume  
Nomination Form

## **Hollis “Holly” Handler**

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Admitted to practice in Alaska (active) and New York (inactive).

### **EDUCATION**

J.D., Harvard Law School, 1999

B.A. (U.S. History), University of Chicago, 1995

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

#### ***Child Welfare Attorney* Alaska Legal Services Corporation 2019 – Present**

Funded by Tlingit & Haida to represent Tribal Family and Youth Services in Indian Child Welfare Act cases in state court, and to handle child welfare cases in tribal court. Advise Tlingit & Haida on ICWA policy matters and development of Title IV-E child welfare programming. Collaborate with other stakeholders on efforts to address disproportionality in Alaska’s child welfare system, and increase tribal participation.

#### ***Supervising Attorney* Alaska Legal Services Corporation 2006-2019**

Represented low-income and elderly clients in civil matters including housing, public benefits, domestic relations, wills and estates, consumer protection, Medicaid, and native law issues. Hosted community legal clinics across Southeast Alaska and legal trainings for professionals across the state. Managed Juneau and Ketchikan offices, as well as the Medical-Legal Partnership office at SEARHC in Sitka. Applied for and managed grants on behalf of the Southeast Alaska offices.

#### ***Trial Attorney* Alaska Public Defender Agency 2002 - 2006**

Litigated over twenty misdemeanor and felony jury trials in the agency’s Bethel and Palmer offices, and handled appeals in the Superior Court and Alaska Supreme Court. Supervised misdemeanor attorneys in Palmer. Represented children in delinquency hearings, and parents in Child in Need of Aid hearings. Conducted investigations and participated in trials in village communities including Hooper Bay, Aniak, and Lower Kalskag.

#### ***Legislative Aide* Rep. Ethan Berkowitz 2002**

Acted as liaison between constituents and state representative, promoted legislative priorities, and analyzed proposed legislation for the Alaska House Judiciary Committee.

#### ***Appellate Attorney* NY Capital Defender Office 2000 - 2001**

Represented capital defendants in New York appeals court and supported trial attorneys at the guilt and penalty phases of death penalty trials through research and drafting.

**Judicial Clerk****New Jersey Supreme Court****1999 - 2000**

State Supreme Court clerk for Chief Justice Deborah Poritz. Drafted bench memorandum on capital appeals for the court and bench memorandum on significant constitutional appeals for the chief.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING INCLUDES:** National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Gerry Spence Trial Lawyer's College, Shriver Center's Racial Justice Training Institute, First Alaskans Institute – Alaska Native Dialogues on Racial Equity, and Undoing Racism with the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Board member, Wildflower Court (Juneau nursing care and rehabilitation facility)  
Southeast seat, Alaska Court Improvement Project and ICWA Subcommittee

**HONORS**

2017 Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Tribal Ally Award  
2017 Alaska Bar Association Robert K. Hickerson Public Service Award  
2012 Delores Cadiente Hardin Tribal Justice Award

**Alicia D. Porter**  
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Danielle Bailey  
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Re: Alaska Judicial Council

November 15, 2021

Dear Ms. Bailey,

I am writing to express my interest in the Alaska Judicial Council position that was listed on the Alaska Bar Association web page, as well as on the Alaska Judicial Council page. I am respectfully putting in my name for consideration for the attorney committee member.

My background is in general practice, courtroom work (probate, child protection, juvenile delinquency, civil cases, criminal misdemeanors and domestic violence cases). As such, I can add perspective to the judicial selection process. I have worked continuously in Alaska since September 2000. My case load has included both a rural and an urban component; for example, I have worked extensively in Utqiagvik, Galena, Kenai, Delta Junction, and Sitka as well as Anchorage and Fairbanks.

I have spent a significant amount of my career in the courtroom. While each court has its own quirks and applications of the rules, it is important for the court to be able to assess the cases objectively. The importance of being prepared in advance, the ability to articulate clear and logical arguments, and the ways in which to conduct a courtroom to encourage the fluidity of information: these are all critical skills I have observed are necessary in a good judicial officer. Some judicial candidates bring these to the table: some learn on the job, and some flounder under the tremendous responsibilities. However, the selection of the candidates is important.

A judicial officer must work on criminal, probate, CINA, involuntary commitments, civil cases, juvenile justice and postconviction relief. This is a tremendous skill set required of a candidate. These are the leaders who will have the potential to make the decisions that can affect decades.

From my perspective, a good candidate must demonstrate a desire to become educated on a variety of issues, be impartial, and be professional at all times, both on and off the bench. Being able to navigate with the assistance of a translator and having working knowledge of customs of different cultures that reflect the beautiful diversity that is Alaska is crucial to successfully completing work in a courtroom. These are skills take time, effort, and commitment and are necessary for a strong judicial candidate.

If selected, I can offer the Judicial Council the following benefits: I can travel for the position. I can participate and work with a group both on and off site. I am familiar with vetting candidates. I can work with other committee members to build consensus and offer selections up to the Governor who would reflect the best of Alaska judicial candidates. I have mediation training and I can work with people of all perspectives to find solutions. In addition to the soft skills, I have experience on intergenerational trauma, drug abuse, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, how the civil rules interlock, and a solid foundation in Alaska Native culture. I am sensitive as to how important those issues are when finding the right candidate for the job.

Enclosed is a copy of my resume for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to call me if I can provide any additional information.

Thank you for your time – I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Alicia D. Porter

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## **EDUCATION**

Juris Doctoris from Seattle University School of Law 1999  
Master of Arts in Biology, Boston University 1992  
Bachelor of Science in Zoology, University of Washington, 1991

Admitted to Puyallup Tribal Bar 1999, WA State Bar 2000, AK State Bar 2000, USPTO Bar 2003, and the Alaska District Federal Court

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Law Office of Alicia Porter** October 2006- April 2019/ November 2019- present. Solo practitioner. Worked on estate cases, guardianships, conservatorships, divorces, domestic violence, custody cases, and post conviction relief. Engaged as an OPA contractor for CINA and misdemeanor criminal cases. Familiar with screening cases, researching issues, doing thorough investigations, preparing pleadings, and trying cases. Former co-chair of the Alaska Bar Association Family Law Section from 2011-2014. Experienced in working on patents, trademarks, and copyrights, and contract review related to intellectual property issues.

**April 2019-November 2019** Alaska Native Justice Center- worked exclusively on domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse issues on behalf of low income individuals in a variety of backgrounds.

**April 2006-July 2006** Landye Bennett Blumstein – conducted contract review, researched tax status and construction law issues, prepared for litigation.

**Assistant Attorney General, Department of Law for the State of Alaska** Jan. 2001-April 2006. Represented the Dept. of Health. From 2001-2006, managed a juvenile justice and CINA case load for Fairbanks and Barrow, as well as an vulnerable adult case load. Worked all aspects of cases from screening, discovery, trial and appeals.

**Assistant District Attorney, Department of Law for the State of Alaska** Sept. 2000-Dec. 2000. Conducted misdemeanor arraignments, changes of pleas, and tried cases.

**Assistant Prosecutor, Puyallup Tribe** Jun. 1999- May 2000. Responsible for all aspects of adult criminal, juvenile criminal cases and CINA cases. Assisted in drafting the domestic violence code.

**Law Clerk, Catholic Health Initiatives** Aug. 1998-Jun. 1999. Designed hospital policies, conducted meetings, and helped create medical compliance program.

## **SCIENTIFIC/POLICY EXPERIENCE**

**Instructor of Chemistry** at University of Alaska Fairbanks 2007.

**Principal Investigator for Denton Biological Consultants** Dec. 1992-Dec. 1997. (contract based)Wrote grant proposals, designed training manuals, provided onsite technical assistance, developed programs, and researched issues.

**Planner for the Association of Village Council Presidents** Aug. 1994-Aug. 1996.  
Expanded environmental planning staff from two to eleven employees. Produced multi-lingual multimedia materials. Managed VISTA program. Taught summer science camp.

### **Presentations**

- Alaska Bar Association – the CINA/Civil Bar- practice tips that you need to know March 2012
- Alaska Bar Association – Cyber security, ethics and estate planning October 2015
- National Business Institute- Family law assumptions and expectations December 2015
- Alaska Bar Association – Estate planning section- Cyber security an update March 2019

### **Publications**

- Beyond the Honeybucket: Video in Yup'ik and English on sanitation solutions – produced 1996
- Solid Waste Solutions in Rural Alaska 1996
- Catholic Health Initiatives Institutional Research Board training manual May 1999
- American Bar Association - Family law online blog April 2008