

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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1. **Name:** State full name (include any former names used).

Sharon Louise Gleason

2. **Position:** State the position for which you have been nominated.

United States District Judge for the District of Alaska

3. **Address:** List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state where you currently reside.

825 West Fourth Avenue, Room # 634
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

4. **Birthplace:** State year and place of birth.

1957; Rochester, New York

5. **Education:** List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

1980 – 1983, University of California, Davis, School of Law; J.D., 1983
Fall 1979, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University; no degree awarded
1975 – 1979, Washington University in St. Louis; B.A. (*magna cum laude*), 1979

6. **Employment Record:** List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or description.

2001 – present
Alaska Court System
825 West Fourth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Superior Court Judge (2001 – present)
Presiding Judge of the Third Judicial District (2009 – present)

1984 – present
Anchorage Symphony Orchestra
400 D Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Musician

1995 – 2001
Law Office of Sharon Gleason
510 L Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Sole Practitioner

1984 – 1995
Rice, Volland, Gleason and Taylor (formerly known as Rice, Volland and Gleason, and, prior to that, Reese, Rice and Volland)
211 H Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Associate (1984 – 1989)
Partner (1989 – 1995)

1983 – 1984
Alaska Court System
303 K Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Law Clerk to Chief Justice Edmond Burke

1981 – 1982; 1982 – 1983
University of California, Davis
433 Mrak Hall
Davis, California 95616
Teaching Assistant

Summer and Fall, 1982
Graham & James LLP
1 Maritime Plaza
San Francisco, California 94111
Student Intern

1981 – 1982
State of California, Department of General Services
Office of Energy Assessments
915 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, California 95814
Student Intern

1980
Conservation Law Foundation
62 Summer Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02110
Volunteer Intern

1979 – 1980
33 Dunster Street (a restaurant)
33 Dunster Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02138
Waitperson

7. **Military Service and Draft Status:** Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including dates of service, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for selective service.

I have not served in the U.S. Military. I was not required to register for selective service.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

Light of Hope Award, for “outstanding efforts on behalf of Alaska’s children” (2006)

Alaska Bar Association’s Pro Bono Award (1996)

University of California, Davis, School of Law, Order of the Coif (1983)

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

Alaska Bar Association, Family Law Section
Co-Chair (1994 – 1997)

Alaska Court System
Family Law Self Help Center Advisory Committee, Chair (2004 – 2009)
CINA Court Improvement Committee
Newer Judges Training Committee, Chair (2005 – 2009)

Alaska Supreme Court
Advisory Committee on Adoption Rules
Advisory Committee on Civil Rules
Advisory Committee on Family Rules, Chair (1994 – present)
Time Standards Committee

Alaska Trial Lawyers Association

American Academy of Adoption Attorneys

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

American Bar Association, Family Law Section

Anchorage Association of Women Lawyers

California Bar Association

National Association of Women Judges (approx. 2005 – present)
Member, New Judges Committee (2008 – present)

“Success Inside and Out” Steering Committee Member

10. Bar and Court Admission:

- a. List the date(s) you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.

Alaska, 1984
California, 1983

I was admitted to the California Bar in 1983 but never practiced law in that state. I allowed my membership to lapse in 1985, when I determined that I would not return to California to practice law. I have had no lapse in membership in Alaska.

- b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require special admission to practice.

Alaska state courts, 1984
United States District Court for the District of Alaska, 1985

11. Memberships:

- a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

The Alaska Club, tennis membership (1987 – 2009)

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, volunteer attorney
(approx. late 1990's – 2001)

Anchorage Symphony Orchestra (1984 – present)

Hillcrest Daycare Center
Treasurer (approx. 1990 – 1996)

KNBA public radio (1990's – present)

KSKA/KAKM public radio and television (1980's – present)

Road Runners (2010 – present)

Roger's Park Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (1995 – 2003)

- b. The American Bar Association's Commentary to its Code of Judicial Conduct states that it is inappropriate for a judge to hold membership in any organization that invidiously discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion, or national origin. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

To the best of my knowledge, none of the organizations identified in my response to 11a currently discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin.

12. Published Writings and Public Statements:

- a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Supply four (4) copies of all published material to the Committee.

None that I have been able to recall or identify.

- b. Supply four (4) copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the

name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

On October 20, 1999, as a member of the Time Standards Committee of the Alaska Supreme Court, I voted on proposed case processing time standards, which were submitted and adopted by the state Supreme Court. Alaska Bar Association coverage of the recommendations and the committee voting record supplied.

In 1989, as a member of the Alaska Bar Association's Law Related Education Committee, I helped create the curriculum for a college course entitled, "Law and Contemporary Issues," which was taken by Anchorage School District teachers and administrators. Alaska Bar Association coverage supplied.

In 1985, I wrote a report for the Alaska Women's Commission, which was entitled, "A Review of the Alaska Statutes for Sex Discrimination." Copy supplied.

- c. Supply four (4) copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

I have not provided any testimony on public policy or legal interpretation, to the best of my recollection.

- d. Supply four (4) copies, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by you, including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place where they were delivered, and readily available press reports about the speech or talk. If you do not have a copy of the speech or a transcript or recording of your remarks, give the name and address of the group before whom the speech was given, the date of the speech, and a summary of its subject matter. If you did not speak from a prepared text, furnish a copy of any outline or notes from which you spoke.

The following is a list of the speeches that I have been able to identify with a search of my files and of publicly-available databases. I speak frequently to attorneys and to other members of the public, including students and young adults, and it is likely that I have given other speeches that I have been unable to recall or identify.

March 16, 2011: Installation of Anchorage Superior Court Judge Gregory Miller. Video supplied.

February 24, 2011: “3rd Judicial District Off the Record,” panelist, Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

January 18, 2011: Presenter on a panel at the Newer Judges’ Conference for the Alaska Court System. The topic was Ethical Communications – How to avoid improper ex parte communications, and how to ethically discuss cases with other judges, staff, and the public. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Court System is 303 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

December 2010: Kodiak, Alaska Bench/Bar Luncheon. I have no notes, transcript or recording. There was no official sponsor for this event.

October 8, 2010: Installation of Anchorage Superior Court Judge Andrew Guidi. Video and notes supplied.

October 2010: “Tips for Newer Judges,” panelist, National Association of Women Judges. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the NAWJ is 1341 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 4.2, Washington, DC 20036.

September 7, 2010: Alaska Bar Association, Family Law Section, luncheon presentation on proposed Domestic Relations Procedural Order. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

August 17, 2010: “Off the Record,” panelist, Alaska Bench/Bar Off the Record Meeting, Kenai, Alaska. I have no notes, transcript or recording. There was no official sponsor of this event.

May 26, 2010: Ceremony for new admittees to the Alaska Bar. Video supplied.

May 2010: “From the Mouths of Babes” (a program on the admissibility of children’s hearsay statements), panelist, Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

April 16, 2010: Installation of Alaska Supreme Court Justice Craig Stowers. I have no notes or transcript. Although an audio recording of this event was made, I have been unable to obtain a copy in a usable format. The address of the Alaska Supreme Court is 303 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

April 2010: Installation of Palmer District Court Judge David Zwink. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Palmer District Court is 435 South Denali Street, Palmer, Alaska 99645.

March 2010: Palmer, Alaska Bench/Bar presentation. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The Alaska Bar Association sponsored the event and is located at 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

February 25, 2010: Installation of Anchorage Superior Court Judge Frank Pfiffner. Video supplied.

February 24, 2010: Speech at a tribal court training session for the Justice for Native Children Project. My speech was entitled, "State Court Perspectives on Tribal Court Orders." The training was through Alaska Summit Enterprise, Inc. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of ASE is 11723 Old Glenn Highway, Suite 209A, Eagle River, Alaska 99577.

February 15, 2010: "Best Practices from the Bench," panelist, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse and Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Alaska Network is 130 Seward Street, Suite 214, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

February 2, 2010: "Making Your Appeal: Best Practices for Administrative Appeals before Agencies and the Court," panelist, Alaska Bar Association. Video and notes supplied.

January 27, 2010: "3rd Judicial District Off the Record," panelist, Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

December 9, 2009: "Palmer Off the Record," panelist, Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

December 2009: Kenai, Alaska Bench/Bar. I have no notes, transcript or recording. There was no official sponsor for this event.

November 5, 2009: "Palmer Off the Record," panelist, Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

September 21, 2009: Writing for New Lawyers, remarks, Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

September 2009: Installation Ceremony for Palmer District Court Judge Gregory Heath. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Palmer District Court is 435 South Denali Street, Palmer, Alaska 99645.

July 2009: "Celebrating Families," Reunification Picnic sponsored by the Alaska Office of Children's Services. I have no notes, transcript or recording, but Alaska Office of Children's Services coverage is supplied. The address of the OCS is 323 East Fourth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

June 2009: Installation Ceremony of Anchorage District Court Judge David Wallace. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Anchorage District Court is 825 West Fourth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

June 2009: Homer, Alaska Court Open House. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Homer District Court is 3670 Lake Street, Building A, Homer, Alaska 99603.

May 21, 2009: Swearing-in Ceremony of new admittees to the Alaska Bar. Video and notes supplied.

May 14, 2009: Begich Middle School. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of Begich Middle School is 7740 Creekside Center Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99504.

May 2009: Palmer, Alaska Open Court. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Palmer District Court is 435 South Denali Street, Palmer, Alaska 99645.

May 2009: Kenai, Alaska Bench/Bar Meeting. I have no notes, transcript or recording. There was no official sponsor for this event.

January 21, 2009: "Principles of Caseflow Management," panelist, at the Newer Judges' Conference. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Court System is 303 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

October 16, 2008: "Tips for Newer Judges," panelist, National Association of Women Judges. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the NAWJ is 1341 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 4.2, Washington, DC 20036.

February 20, 2008: "Try This Case Only Once," moderator, Newer Judges' Conference. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Court System is 303 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

February 19, 2008: "Managing Your Domestic Relations Caseload," panelist, Newer Judges' Conference. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Court System is 303 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

January 24, 2008: 3rd Judicial District Off the Record: an Informal Bench/Bar Exchange. I was a panelist with other judges. Notes supplied.

January 23, 2008: Panelist at Bench/Press Series, Anatomy of Civil Case, presented by the Alaska Court System. Notes supplied.

April 11, 2007: Grammar Fundamentals, class for employees of the Alaska Court System. Materials supplied.

February 13, 2007: "Anchorage Off the Record," panelist, Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

January 17, 2007: Panelist at Newer Judges' Conference on a panel entitled, "Working with Court Personnel and Office Staff," and another panel entitled "Effective Courtroom Management Skills." I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address of the Alaska Court System is 303 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

January 12, 2007: Speaker to 16 students grades 3-8 at Polaris K-12 School. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the school is 6200 Ashwood Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99507.

November 2, 2006: Welcome remarks, Newer Judges' Conference. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Court System is 303 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

May 25, 2006: Swearing-In ceremony for New Members of the Alaska Bar Association. Alaska Court System. Speech notes supplied.

May 16, 2006: Speaker at U.S. government class at West High School. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the school is 1700 Hillcrest Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99517.

May 1, 2006: Law Day event at local school, Alaska Bar Association and Alaska Court System. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

February 22, 2006: Family Law Class, University of Alaska Anchorage. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the University is 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99508.

February 21, 2006: "Protective Order Proceedings: A View from the Bench," panelist, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Video supplied.

November 3, 2005: Panelist at the Fall Judicial Conference on a presentation entitled "Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse in Domestic Relations Cases." I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Alaska Court System is 303 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

November 2, 2005: Welcome and Introduction; Roundtable discussion about domestic violence protective orders, search warrants, bail, and third party custodian issues, Newer Judges' Conference. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Court System is 303 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Summer 2005: I spoke at the Alaska CASA/GAL conference on the judicial perspective. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of CASA is Office of Public Advocacy, 900 West Fifth Avenue, Suite 525, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

May 26, 2005: Swearing-In ceremony for New Members of the Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

October 14, 2004: "Court Preparation – Superior Court Judge Sharon Gleason," speaker, Alaska Association of Paralegals CLE. Notes supplied.

May 19, 2004: Children in Alaska's Courts Public Forum, roundtable facilitator on Divorce/Custody, Alaska Court System. A report on the roundtable discussion and other similar events is supplied.

May 11, 2004: Indian Child Welfare Act Training – Advanced Course presented by the Tribal Law & Policy Institute. I spoke on a panel entitled, "From the Bench: What Judges Look for in ICWA Cases." I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Institute is 8235 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 211, West Hollywood, California 90046.

March 1, 2004: I was a presenter at the Alaska Statewide Conference on Law-Related Education, a conference co-sponsored by the Alaska Court System and the Alaska Bar Association through the Alaska Teaching Justice Network. I do not remember the topic on which I spoke. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

October 13, 2003: Anchorage Inn of Court, remarks on court administrative issues involving domestic relations cases and judicial views of common problems facing family law practitioners. I have no notes, transcript or recording, but Alaska Bar Association coverage is supplied.

June 5, 2003: "ADR: Update on Rules and Court-Connected Programs," panelist, Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

June 2, 2003: "CINA Off the Record: Best Practices," panelist, Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

May 16, 2003: Swearing-In ceremony for New Members of the Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

May 2003: I presented a speech at Romig Middle School for Law Day regarding the right to counsel. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the school is 2500 Minnesota Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

February 2003: "CINA Off the Record: Best Practices," panelist, Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

September 9, 2002: Presentation to CourtWatch, a volunteer group that observes and rates judges. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. I believe I may have given another presentation to them in Summer 2010, but I have no record of that event, and no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of CourtWatch is 308 G Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

May 30, 2002: Writing Class to court system employees. Materials supplied.

November 27, 2001: Alaska Supreme Court community forum, panelist. I have no notes, transcript or recording, but press coverage is supplied.

October 19, 2001: Speaker at mediator graduation at Rogers Park Elementary School, Anchorage School District. Speech text supplied.

September 1, 2001: "The Impact of Domestic Violence on Your Law Practice," panelist, Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

March 16, 2001: "Working with the Child Custody Investigator," panelist, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. I have no notes, transcript,

or recording. The address of Alaska Network is 130 Seward Street, Suite 214, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

March 21, 2000: "Working with Child Custody Investigators," panelist, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Alaska Network is 130 Seward Street, Suite 214, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

February 24, 2000: "New Civil Rules 90.6 and 90.7 on Child Custody Investigators and Guardians *ad litem*," panelist, Alaska Bar Association. Video and materials supplied.

July 1998: "Civil Rule 26.1," panelist, Alaska Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Alaska Bar Association is 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1900, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

November 12, 1997: "Professional Help: Guidelines for Hiring and Working with Financial, Legal and Real-Estate Professionals," speaker, Women's Financial Information Program, Alaska Cooperative Extension. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Alaska Cooperative Extension is 308 Tanana Loop, Room 101, P.O. Box 756180, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775.

May 1996: "Effective Family Law Practice in Alaska," panelist, National Business Institute. Materials supplied.

April 16, 1996: "Real Property & Security Issues in Divorce: Making the Property Division Work," panelist, Alaska Bar Association. Materials supplied.

March 27, 1996: "How Do You Get an AV Rating?," Alaska Joint State-Federal Courts Gender Equality Task Force fundraiser, panelist. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied.

On several occasions, I have sworn in volunteers for the Anchorage Youth Court. I do not recall the dates of these events, and I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address of Anchorage Youth Court is 838 West Fourth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99510.

- e. List all interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these interviews and four (4) copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

Lisa Demer, *Long Security Lines Give Court-Goers the Blues*, Anchorage Daily News, May 12, 2009. Copy supplied.

April 2001: I responded to a survey by the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys about state laws related to payments to birth parents. A copy of the AAAA's report of the survey results is supplied.

Supreme Court Limits Children's Advocates, Associated Press, Nov. 2, 1999. Copy supplied.

Staff, *Metro News*, Anchorage Daily News, Dec. 4, 1998. Copy supplied.

Jerry Ackerman, *Georges Bank: A New Move*, Boston Globe, Mar. 20, 1980. Copy supplied.

13. **Judicial Office:** State (chronologically) any judicial offices you have held, including positions as an administrative law judge, whether such position was elected or appointed, and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court.

I was appointed to the Anchorage Superior Court in 2001 by Governor Tony Knowles. I was retained by the voters in 2004 and 2010. The Anchorage Superior Court is a court of general jurisdiction. Five of the fifteen judges on this court preside primarily over criminal cases; the other ten judges preside primarily over civil cases, including domestic relations cases and abuse and neglect proceedings. I am one of the judges assigned to a primarily civil caseload. I am also the presiding judge of the Third Judicial District, which comprises all of the trial courts in Southcentral Alaska. This position entails substantial administrative duties.

- a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment? 450

- i. Of these, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	8%
bench trials:	92%

civil proceedings:	98%
criminal proceedings:	2%

- b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.

As a trial court judge in Alaska, all of my opinions are unpublished, and I do not believe there are citations to the opinions that I have written.

- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (3) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).

1. *Exxon Mobil Corp. v. State of Alaska, Dep't of Natural Res.*; Case No. 3AN-06-13751 CI

This case is an appeal from a decision by the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources in which the State has sought to terminate the Point Thomson Unit. It is currently before the Alaska Supreme Court on a petition for review of a trial court decision that I issued in January 2010. January 11, 2010 Decision After Remand supplied.

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2. *Moore v. State of Alaska*; Case No. 3AN-04-9756 CI

This case involves a challenge by several rural school districts and others against the State of Alaska and alleges that the State has violated the Education Clause of Alaska's Constitution. The case has had three separate evidentiary proceedings, and the parties are currently briefing an outstanding issue to this court. June 21, 2007 Decision and Order supplied.

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3. *BP Pipelines v. State of Alaska, Dep't of Revenue*; Case No. 3AN-06-8446 CI

This case involves the value of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System for property taxation purposes. A decision regarding the pipeline's value as of January 2006 has been issued and is currently on appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court. Trial is currently scheduled for the fall of 2011 for tax years 2007 through 2009. October 26, 2010 Amended Decision Upon Reconsideration Following Trial de Novo supplied.

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4. *Osborne v. State of Alaska*; Case No. 3AN-97-00636 CI

This case involved a determination as to whether Mr. Osborne had a due process right pursuant to the Alaska Constitution to have more discriminating DNA testing performed on physical evidence from the crime scene. The same defendant later raised a similar issue in a § 1983 action in federal court; that case eventually was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States. *District Attorney's Office for the Third Judicial District v. Osborne*, 129 S. Ct. 2308 (2009). May 8, 2006 Findings on Remand supplied.

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5. *Alaska Inter-Tribal Council v. State of Alaska*; Case No. 3DI-99-00113 CI

The plaintiffs in this case sought declaratory and injunctive relief based on the State's alleged failure to provide minimally adequate police protection to off-road Native villages. The plaintiffs also alleged that the State had discriminated against them in the provision of state law enforcement services. I held that the State had complied with its constitutional obligations. My decision in this case was affirmed on appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court in *Alaska Inter-Tribal Council v. State*, 110 P.3d 947 (Alaska 2005), *reh'g denied*. September 30, 2002 Decision and Order supplied.

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6. *Friends of Animals v. State of Alaska, Dep't of Fish and Game*; Case No. 3AN-03-13489

This case involved a challenge to an aerial wolf control program instituted by the State of Alaska. This court ultimately granted summary judgment to the plaintiffs based on a determination that the State Board of Game had not complied with its own regulations when it created the aerial wolf control program. Thereafter, the Board of Game changed the program and the case was not appealed. December 5, 2003 Decision and Order Denying Preliminary Injunction supplied.

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7. *Municipality of Anchorage v. State of Alaska and Michael Barton*; Case No. 3AN-05-8951 CI

This case concerned the validity of a state legislative enactment which sought to change the membership and selection of the transportation planning committee for the Municipality of Anchorage. In a decision issued on October 10, 2007, this court found that the state law constituted a violation of a federal regulation. That

decision was not appealed. March 7, 2007 Order on Motions for Summary Judgment supplied.

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8. *A.J. v. State of Alaska, Dep't of Health and Soc. Servs.*; Case No. 3AN-04-04085 CI

In this case, the plaintiffs sued the State of Alaska for an alleged breach of the standard of care to be provided to foster children in state custody. The case settled during the second week of a jury trial. There was substantial pretrial motion practice focusing on immunity and duty issues. December 8, 2008 Order Denying Reconsideration supplied.

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9. *State v. Zuboff*; Case No. 3UN-01-00197 CR

This was a criminal case in which the jury found the defendant guilty of first-degree murder and evidence tampering. The convictions were affirmed on appeal by the Alaska Court of Appeals in an unpublished decision, 2006 WL 3114386.

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10. *Samaniego v. City of Kodiak*; Case No. 3KO-98-134 CI

This case was brought by a resident of the City of Kodiak, alleging that the police used excessive force against her. The case went to trial before a jury. The jury's verdict and this court's legal rulings – including the application of the exigent circumstances doctrine for police stops and the admissibility of expert testimony by a "use of force" expert – were affirmed on appeal. *See City of Kodiak v. Samaniego*, 83 P.3d 1077 (Alaska 2004). July 17, 2001 Order Regarding Testimony of Michael Brave supplied.

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- d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.

1. *BP Pipelines (Alaska) v. State of Alaska, Dep't of Revenue*, Case No. 3AN-06-8446 CI; Amended Decision Upon Reconsideration Following Trial De Novo, October 26, 2010. Opinion supplied in response to 13(c).

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2. *ExxonMobil v. State of Alaska, Dep't of Natural Res.*, Case No. 3AN-06-13751
CI, Decision on Appeal, December 26, 2007. Opinion supplied.

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3. *Moore v. State of Alaska*, Case No. 3AN-04-9756 CI; Decision and Order, June 21, 2007. Opinion supplied in response to 13(c).

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4. *Friends of Animals v. State of Alaska, Dep't of Fish and Game*, Case No. 3AN-03-13489 CI; Order Denying Preliminary Injunction, February 2, 2005. Opinion supplied.

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5. *Alaska Inter-Tribal Council v. State of Alaska*, Case No. 3DI-00113 CI; Decision and Order, September 30, 2002. Copy supplied in response to 13(c).

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6. *Osborne v. State of Alaska*, Case No. 3AN-97-00636 CI; Findings on Remand, May 8, 2006. Opinion supplied in response to 13(c).

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7. *Municipality of Anchorage v. State of Alaska and Michael Barton*, 3AN-05-8951 CI; Order Re All Pending Issues, March 5, 2007. Opinion supplied.

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8. *Valley Residents for a Citizen Legislature v. State of Alaska, Div. of Elections*, Case No. 3AN-04-06827 CI; Order Regarding Pending Motions, August 24, 2004. Opinion supplied.

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9. *Kalenka v. Municipality of Anchorage*, Case No. 3AN-01-6513 CI; Order Regarding Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment, December 23, 2003. Opinion supplied.

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10. *Darling v. Trident Seafoods*, Case No. 3AN-99-12326; Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, March 14, 2003. Opinion supplied.

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- e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.

I am aware of no such cases.

- f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

Angleton v. Cox, 238 P.3d 610 (Alaska 2010). In this dispute among members of a fraternal organization, the Alaska Supreme Court held that the trial court had erred in precluding a party from seeking damages for breaches of a settlement agreement that had allegedly occurred during a two month period.

Yost v. State, Div. of Corps., Bus. and Prof'l Licensing, 234 P.3d 1264 (Alaska 2010). The Alaska Supreme Court held that the trial court properly found that the action was an administrative appeal, but that the trial court had abused its

discretion by not conducting a trial de novo on an outcome-determinative issue, so the case was remanded for further proceedings.

Partridge v. Partridge, 239 P.3d 680 (Alaska 2010). The Alaska Supreme Court affirmed the majority of the trial court's rulings, but held that the trial court erred by failing to credit the husband in a divorce action for payments he had made on marital debts during the parties' separation period. Affirmed in part, reversed in part, and remanded.

Dominic Wenzell, D.M.D. P.C. v. Ingram, 228 P.3d 103 (Alaska 2010). The trial court's grant of a party's motion for summary judgment with respect to a covenant not to compete in a sale of a dental practice was vacated and the case was remanded for further proceedings. Thereafter, the parties settled.

Frost v. Spencer, 218 P.3d 678 (Alaska 2009). The parties both came to trial asserting that they had had a domestic partnership which they sought to dissolve. At the conclusion of the bench trial, the trial court determined that business partnership law applied. The Alaska Supreme Court reversed and remanded the trial court's decision not to allow a supplementary evidentiary hearing to address partnership law issues.

Bigley v. Alaska Psychiatric Inst., 208 P.3d 168 (Alaska 2009). The Alaska Supreme Court held that a patient in a forced psychiatric medication case had been denied due process when he was accorded insufficient notice of which medications the hospital proposed to administer to him and his attorney was not provided with his medical chart before the hearing on the hospital's medication petition. Declaratory relief was granted.

Adkins v. Stansel, 204 P.3d 1031 (Alaska 2009). The Alaska Supreme Court reversed and remanded the trial court's granting of a motion for summary judgment to the defendant prison official in a case brought by a prisoner for wrongful denial of visitation. The Supreme Court held that the facts read in the light most favorable to the plaintiff could reasonably support an inference that the defendant had intentionally denied visitation between the prisoner and family members.

Beegan v. State, Dep't of Transp. & Pub. Facilities, 195 P.3d 134 (Alaska 2008). The Alaska Supreme Court reversed and remanded the trial court's dismissal of a terminated state employee's claims, reasoning that collateral estoppel did not bar the former employee from pursuing his damages claims in state court where the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights had previously determined his related claims.

Parson v. State, Dep't of Revenue, Alaska Hous. Fin. Corp., 189 P.3d 1032 (Alaska 2008). The Alaska Supreme Court held that the trial court had erred in finding that plaintiff was collaterally estopped from raising employment-related

discrimination claims in state court after the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights had closed the plaintiff's administrative complaint because it found a lack of substantial evidence to support it. On remand, a jury found in favor of the defendant after trial.

Sidney v. Allstate Ins. Co., 187 P.3d 443 (Alaska 2008). In a case involving underinsured motorist benefits, the Alaska Supreme Court affirmed the trial court's determinations except with respect to components of the attorney's fee award.

Martin v. Coastal Villages Region Fund, 156 P.3d 1121 (Alaska 2007). The Alaska Supreme Court reversed and remanded this dispute over competing claims to a fund of money deposited with the court by a seafood processing company for consideration of the parties' equitable claims.

C.J. v. State, Dep't of Corrs., 151 P.3d 373 (Alaska 2006). A rape victim brought this action against the state, seeking damages arising from her rape by a parolee, and alleging negligent parole supervision. On a petition for review, the Alaska Supreme Court affirmed the trial court's denial of the state's motion for summary judgment based on duty, and vacated the trial court's rulings on immunity and causation with the directive that the trial court consider a newly released Supreme Court opinion on those topics. But in a divided opinion, the Alaska Supreme Court reversed the trial court ruling with respect to the statutory damages cap and held that each of the three types of penetration alleged constituted a separate injury for purposes of the statutory damages cap.

J&S Servs., Inc. v. Tomter, 139 P.3d 544 (Alaska 2006). In this case, an unsuccessful bidder sued both the state and the state employee that had managed a bidding process. The Alaska Supreme Court upheld this court's summary judgment determination in favor of the state, but reversed and remanded as to the state employee, holding that the employee would not be immune to a claim for intentional interference with prospective economic advantage.

Brannon v. Continental Cas. Co., 137 P.3d 280 (Alaska 2006). The Alaska Supreme Court reversed a summary judgment ruling that had dismissed the plaintiff's claims based on a statute of limitations defense. The Supreme Court held that the running of the statute was equitably tolled in the case, adopting a new rule of law for Alaska that followed California decisional law.

Fortson v. Fortson, 131 P.3d 451 (Alaska 2006). The Alaska Supreme Court affirmed all of this court's determinations in this multimillion dollar divorce case, except with respect to the trial court's treatment of the excess earnings generated by the wife's medical practice during the parties' separation.

Bartley v. State, Dep't of Admin., Teachers' Ret. Bd., 110 P.3d 1254 (Alaska 2005). This case involved the statutory interpretation of a retirement incentive

law. The Alaska Supreme Court upheld this court's determinations in all respects except as to one issue.

Goossen v. Still, 2002 WL 31716561 (Alaska 2002) (unpublished Memorandum Opinion and Judgment). This divorce case was first assigned to this judge after remand from a prior appeal from the Alaska Supreme Court and involved several issues related to the parties' property. The Supreme Court affirmed some of this court's determinations, but reversed and remanded as to others.

In two other appellate decisions, I am one of two or more trial judges that heard the case (due to consolidation or retirement). Although the Alaska Supreme Court reversed a portion of the trial court determinations in both of these cases, all of my rulings in the cases were affirmed on appeal. The two cases are *Teseniar v. Spicer*, 74 P.3d 910 (Alaska 2003) and *Cooper v. Cooper*, 144 P.3d 451 (Alaska 2006).

- g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.

To the best of my knowledge, the decisions and opinions that I have issued are not published. They are public records that are on file at the Anchorage Superior Courthouse, and copies of the decisions may be obtained at the Clerk's Office at the Alaska State Court in Anchorage.

- h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

Moore v. State of Alaska, Case No. 3AN-04-9756 CI. Opinions supplied in response to 13(c).

ExxonMobil Corp. v. State of Alaska, Case No. 3AN-06-13751 CI. Opinions supplied in response to 13(c).

Osborne v. State of Alaska, Case No. 3AN-97-636 CI. Opinions supplied in response to 13(c).

Alaska Inter-Tribal Council v. State of Alaska, Case No. 3DI-99-00113 CI. Opinions supplied in response to 13(c).

- i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.

I have never sat by designation on a federal court of appeals.

14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

- a. whether your recusal was requested by a motion or other suggestion by a litigant or a party to the proceeding or by any other person or interested party; or if you recused yourself sua sponte;
- b. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal;
- c. the procedure you followed in determining whether or not to recuse yourself;
- d. your reason for recusing or declining to recuse yourself, including any action taken to remove the real, apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other ground for recusal.

Alaska's state court system permits each litigant to exercise one peremptory challenge of one judge within five days of that judge's assignment to the case. When exercised, the basis for the challenge need not be stated. Information regarding these challenges is included on the Alaska Judicial Council website in the evaluation materials there.

In addition, Canon 3 of the Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct and Alaska Statute 22.20.020 govern when a judge must disqualify himself or herself in a proceeding. While not an exclusive list, these provisions enumerate instances where a judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, including proceedings where the judge has a personal interest, bias or knowledge. The standard I employ in determining whether to recuse myself from a case is governed by the Code and the applicable state statute. There have been several cases where I have recused myself where I had previously represented one of the parties in a divorce proceeding or in other litigation. There have also been cases where I have had a relationship with a party, but those relationships would not affect my ability to be fair and impartial to all parties. An example is a business dispute in which my children's pediatrician's office was a party. In those cases, I have disclosed the nature of the relationship to all parties.

I recall only two instances in which my recusal was requested. In one case, I disclosed to the parties that I had provided some legal representation to one of the lawyers in the case about an unrelated matter some time in the past. After disclosure of this representation, the other party requested my recusal and the case was reassigned to another judge. In another case, I disclosed to the parties that in my capacity as presiding judge of the Third Judicial District, I had been provided copies of letters that one of the litigants had written to the Alaska Judicial Council complaining about my rulings in the case. Because the litigant clearly had not intended that I see those letters, I accorded to the litigant the

option of seeking a new judge, and when the litigant then requested that a new judge be assigned, the matter was reassigned.

15. Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:

- a. List chronologically any public offices you have held, other than judicial offices, including the terms of service and whether such positions were elected or appointed. If appointed, please include the name of the individual who appointed you. Also, state chronologically any unsuccessful candidacies you have had for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

I have not held any public office other than the judicial office I currently hold. I have not had any unsuccessful candidacies for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

- b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and responsibilities.

I have not had any memberships or offices in a political party or election committee. I have not held a position or played a role in a political campaign.

16. Legal Career: Answer each part separately.

- a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:

- i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

I served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Edmond Burke of the Alaska Supreme Court from 1983 to 1984.

- ii. whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and dates;

I was a sole practitioner from 1995 until I was appointed to the Anchorage Superior Court in 2001. My practice was located at 510 L Street, Anchorage, AK 99501. I was in a space-sharing arrangement with several other attorneys throughout this time.

- iii. the dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been affiliated, and the nature of your affiliation with each.

1984 – 1995

Rice, Volland, Gleason and Taylor (formerly known as Rice, Volland and Gleason, and prior to that, Reese, Rice and Volland)

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Associate (1984 – 1989)

Partner (1989 – 1995)

- iv. whether you served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and, if so, a description of the 10 most significant matters with which you were involved in that capacity.

To the best of my recollection, I served as a mediator on a few occasions in domestic relations cases when I was an attorney in private practice. I no longer have access to those records, and thus am unable to provide a more specific description of those matters. I have served as a settlement judge on dozens of occasions since I became a judge in 2001.

b. Describe:

- i. the general character of your law practice and indicate by date when its character has changed over the years.

As an associate at Reese, Rice and Volland in the 1980's, I completed the legal tasks that were assigned to me by the partners, which encompassed a large variety of civil litigation. Over time, I began to specialize in family law, and by the late 1980's the majority of my caseload was in the area of family law. Most of the cases I handled were divorce cases which involved complex financial estates. I also represented clients in adoption cases and worked as an independent contractor for the State of Alaska as a hearing examiner. In addition, for several years in the late 1980's through early 1990's, I provided legal representation to an individual who brokered the sale of Limited Entry fishing permits and associated commercial fishing assets. When I became a sole practitioner in 1995, my practice continued to focus on domestic relations and adoption law, as well as hearing examiner contract work for the State of Alaska.

- ii. your typical clients and the areas at each period of your legal career, if any, in which you have specialized.

Throughout my legal career, my typical clients were individuals involved in family law matters.

- c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

The majority of my practice was domestic relations work. On these types of cases, I appeared in court occasionally. I also frequently appeared in court in probate cases (adoptions and minor conservatorships). I rarely appeared in federal court, including bankruptcy court. My practice with administrative agencies was as a hearing officer, and occurred occasionally, and with greater frequency toward the end of my years as a private practitioner.

i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. federal courts: | 1% |
| 2. state courts of record: | 95% |
| 3. other courts: | 1% |
| 4. administrative agencies: | 3% |

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. civil proceedings: | 99% |
| 2. criminal proceedings: | 1% |

- d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

I estimate that I have participated in approximately 30 trials or post-trial evidentiary hearings. I was sole counsel for my client in the vast majority of them.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

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| 1. jury: | 5% |
| 2. non-jury: | 95% |

- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply four (4) copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

I have never appeared before the Supreme Court of the United States.

17. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

- a. the date of representation;

- b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
- c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

1. *Wright v. Wright*, 904 P.2d 403 (Alaska 1995)

This was a divorce case in which the primary issue was the value of the husband's automobile transportation business. I represented the wife in the case, which was filed in the Anchorage Superior Court. After a multi-day trial, the court substantially accepted Ms. Wright's expert's valuation of the business. That determination, as well as the balance of the trial court's decision, was affirmed on appeal. I represented Ms. Wright from approximately 1991 through 1994 before both the trial court and the Alaska Supreme Court. Judge Elaine Andrews, now retired, was the trial court judge.

I was the sole attorney for Ms. Wright. Timothy Lynch was the principal counsel for Mr. Wright before the trial court, 425 G Street, Suite 420, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 276-3222.

2. *Adoption of L.E.K.M.*, 70 P.3d 1097 (Alaska 2003)

I worked on this case on a pro bono basis from July 1999 until I became a superior court judge in 2001. The case was a contested adoption proceeding filed in the Anchorage Superior Court and concerned an orphaned child. Two other attorneys took over the representation of my clients for trial and appeal after I was appointed to the Anchorage Superior Court. The dispute was between the child's paternal grandparents, her paternal aunt and uncle, and an unrelated couple, including a woman who had been the best friend of the child's mother and also the child's day care provider. I represented this unrelated couple during the pretrial stage of the proceedings. The case went to trial when I no longer represented the couple, as I had become a judge. The trial was held before Judge John Reese in April 2001. Judge Reese is now retired.

The paternal grandparents were represented by W. Grant Callow, 425 G Street, Suite 610, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 276-122.

3. *McQueary v. McQueary*, 902 P.2d 1326 (Alaska 1995)

I represented the husband in this divorce proceeding in the early 1990's in which the parties' primary asset was a horse stabling and riding business. The case was filed in the Anchorage Superior Court. The trial court judge, now-retired Judge Rene Gonzalez, had awarded the business to the wife, along with the business debt, but had not taken into account the interest-free nature of the long-term debt

when awarding it to the wife. On appeal, the husband prevailed in reversing this aspect of the trial court's ruling, and the case was remanded to the trial court to determine the net present value of the zero-interest long term debt.

I was sole counsel for Mr. McQueary. Ms. McQueary was represented by Susan Mack, 250 H Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 258-8864.

4. *Wainwright v. Wainwright*, 888 P.2d 762 (Alaska 1995)

I represented the wife in this divorce proceeding in the early 1990's, in which the parties' primary dispute related to the division of the husband's nonvested pension benefits. The case was filed in the Anchorage Superior Court and heard by the now-retired Judge Joan Woodward. The case involved pension valuation issues that were ultimately appealed to the Alaska Supreme Court. On appeal, I successfully argued that the trial court had improperly failed to take into account the effect of inflation on the husband's retirement benefits while discounting them at market rate. Accordingly, the Supreme Court reversed in part and remanded on that issue.

I was the principal counsel for Ms. Wainwright. Mr. Wainwright was represented by attorney William T. Ford, who is now deceased.

5. *Ramsey v. Ramsey*, 834 P.2d 807 (Alaska 1992)

I represented the wife in this divorce proceeding from approximately 1988 through 1992. The case was filed in the Anchorage Superior Court, and heard by the now-retired Judge Karl Johnstone. The case involved the legal interrelationship between interim spousal support payments and payments made to maintain marital assets during separation – issues which were appealed to the Alaska Supreme Court. The Supreme Court reversed and remanded on several issues, holding that the husband's earnings after the separation were his separate property, that he was entitled to credit for payments he made during separation to preserve marital property, and that the trial court's award of rehabilitative alimony to the wife appeared unwarranted. The trial court's award of attorney's fees to the wife was affirmed.

I was principal counsel for Ms. Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey was represented by Kathleen Weeks, 101 East Ninth Avenue, Suite 7A, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 276-4445.

6. *Catholic Social Services, Inc. v. C.A.A.*, 783 P.2d 1159 (Alaska 1989)

I represented the Alaska Native birth mother in this case in the late 1980's on a pro bono basis. The birthmother sought to set aside a relinquishment of her parental rights to her child that she had signed. The primary issue on appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court was whether under the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25

U.S.C.A. § 1901 et seq., the child's Indian tribe was entitled to notice of a proceeding for the voluntary termination of parental rights. The Alaska Supreme Court held that the tribe was not entitled to notice in a voluntary termination proceeding. The case was filed in the Anchorage Superior Court and heard by the now-retired Judge Victor Carlson.

I was primary counsel for the birthmother at the trial court level. On appeal, I was joined by attorneys from Alaska Legal Services Corporation.

The tribe was represented by Lloyd Miller, 900 West Fifth Avenue, Suite 700, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 258-6377.

Catholic Social Services was represented by Robert Flint, 745 West Fourth Avenue, Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 771-8300.

The State of Alaska submitted an amicus brief from assistant attorney general D. Rebecca Snow, who is now retired.

The guardian ad litem was represented by an attorney formerly with the Office of Public Advocacy, Philip J. McCarthy, now with McCarthy Weston, 508 North Humphreys Street, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001, (928) 779-4252.

7. *Hayes v. Hayes*, 756 P.2d 298 (Alaska 1988)

I represented Ms. Hayes in this divorce proceeding in the mid-1980's. The case was filed in the Anchorage Superior Court, and heard by the now-retired Judge David Stewart. The case involved the valuation of a paving business owned by the husband, and on appeal the case focused in particular on the application of a minority discount for a partial interest in a business enterprise. The Alaska Supreme Court held that the trial court erred in valuing the paving business based upon the amount of life insurance purchased by each stockholder. It also held that a minority discount is appropriate in valuing a 50% interest in a closely held corporation in a divorce proceeding.

The primary counsel for Ms. Hayes was John Reese, who was a partner in the law firm with which I was then associated. Mr. Reese is now a retired judge/mediator, 6740 Our Own Lane, Anchorage, Alaska 99516, (907) 345-0275.

Mr. Hayes was represented by Sandra K. Saville, who is no longer residing or practicing law in the state of Alaska.

8. *Alaska State Comm'n for Human Rights v. State of Alaska, Dep't of Admin.*, Case No. D-79-0724188-E-E.

I was hired by the Human Rights Commission in 1985-1986 to assist the Commissioners in drafting their decision with respect to a comparable worth

claim brought by public health nurses employed by the State of Alaska. The Commission found the nurses entitled to back pay relief and salary realignment based upon its interpretation of the statutory phrase “work of comparable character.” On appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court, the Commission’s determination was reversed, as the Court held that the phrase “work of comparable character” means substantially equal work. *Alaska State Comm’n for Human Rights v. State*, 796 P. 2d 458 (Alaska 1990).

Counsel for the parties were Mark Ertischek, current address unknown, and Susan Cox, Chief Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General’s Office, Box 110300, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

9. *Brooks v. Brooks*, 733 P.2d 1044 (Alaska 1987).

This was a divorce case in which one of the primary issues was the validity of the parties’ prenuptial agreement. The case was filed in the Anchorage Superior Court and heard in June 1985 by the now-retired Judge Victor Carlson. Among other things, on appeal, the Alaska Supreme Court recognized the validity of prenuptial agreements in Alaska.

I was the primary attorney for Mr. Brooks. Ms. Brooks was represented by William T. Ford, who is now deceased.

10. *In the Matter of Guinn, Ph. D.*, Case Nos. 2900-90-6; 2900-91-5; 2900-92-2, 6 & 8.

This was a licensing action brought before the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners. I was the hearing examiner for the Board, which held a two-week hearing in the case in 1998. I then assisted the Board members in the drafting of their Final Decision.

The Division of Occupational Licensing was represented by Assistant Attorney General Maurice McClure, 310 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 269-0365.

Dr. Guinn was represented by Matthew Regan, 701 West Eighth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 274-0666.

18. **Legal Activities:** Describe the most significant legal activities you have pursued, including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not involve litigation. Describe fully the nature of your participation in these activities. List any client(s) or organization(s) for whom you performed lobbying activities and describe the lobbying activities you performed on behalf of such client(s) or organizations(s). (Note: As to any facts requested in this question, please omit any information protected by the attorney-client privilege.)

Throughout my legal career, I represented individuals, primarily in divorce actions or in adoption proceedings. On most occasions, once I became a partner in my law firm in 1989, I was the sole attorney for each of my clients. I did not perform any lobbying activities on behalf of any clients. I did some transactional work for an individual who operated a brokerage company for Limited Entry fishing permits and associated assets.

I also did work as a hearing examiner for the State of Alaska. A hearing examiner is a form of administrative law judge, who makes recommendations to a state agency in contested adjudications. In this capacity, I presided over hearings before agencies that included the Division of Insurance, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and the Human Rights Commission.

19. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide four (4) copies to the committee.

I have not taught any courses.

20. **Deferred Income/ Future Benefits:** List the sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock, options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services, firm memberships, former employers, clients or customers. Describe the arrangements you have made to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

I am a participant in the Alaska Judicial Retirement System and the State of Alaska Supplemental Benefits System and Deferred Compensation Program, through which I am entitled to benefits upon my separation from the State of Alaska. I have no other deferred income arrangements.

21. **Outside Commitments During Court Service:** Do you have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during your service with the court? If so, explain.

I intend to remain active in the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra as a clarinet player.

22. **Sources of Income:** List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

See attached Financial Disclosure Report

23. **Statement of Net Worth:** Please complete the attached financial net worth statement in detail (add schedules as called for).

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

- a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, categories of litigation, and financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest when you first assume the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you would address any such conflict if it were to arise.

Litigation in which a family member of mine is a party would clearly create a conflict of interest. I would also review my financial investments, consisting of stocks and mutual funds, to minimize the risk of conflicts. To the extent any conflict of interest might exist, I would consult 28 U.S.C. § 455, the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and all applicable policies and procedures of the United States Courts.

- b. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including the procedure you will follow in determining these areas of concern.

I would resolve any potential conflict of interest by following 28 U.S.C. § 455, the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and all applicable policies and procedures of the United States Courts.

25. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each.

When I was an attorney in private practice, I donated numerous hours each year to pro bono work. I represented many individuals who could not afford attorneys through the Alaska Pro Bono Program and the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA). I also served as a volunteer attorney for a hotline telephone service provided by the ANDVSA to Alaska residents.

Since becoming a judge, I have donated many hours to law related activities in the community, including judging high school mock trial competitions, coaching "We the People" high school students, and speaking at Adoption Day activities and to students and adults at many other events. I have also played an active role in the development of the Alaska Court System's Family Law Self-Help Center, which provides free legal information about court procedures to self-represented litigants.

26. Selection Process:

- a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

In response to a letter sent to the entire bar in Alaska from the Alaska Bar Association, I submitted a letter expressing my interest in the position in August 2010. The nineteen candidates that indicated an interest in the position were then surveyed by the entire bar in September 2010. I was interviewed by Senator Mark Begich in November 2010. In December 2010, Senator Begich informed me that my name was being forwarded to the White House for consideration. Since that time, I have been in contact with pre-nominations officials with the Department of Justice. On January 28, 2011, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office and the Department of Justice in Washington, DC. On April 6, 2011, the President submitted my nomination to the Senate.

- b. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a judicial nominee discussed with you any currently pending or specific case, legal issue or question in a manner that could reasonably be interpreted as seeking any express or implied assurances concerning your position on such case, issue, or question? If so, explain fully.

No.

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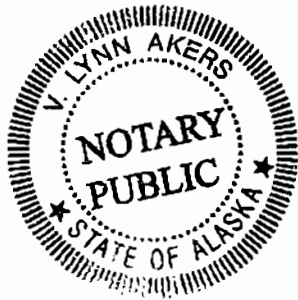
I, Sharon Louise Gleason, do swear
that the information provided in this statement is, to the best
of my knowledge, true and accurate.

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(DATE)

Sharon Louise Gleason

(NAME)



V. Lynn Akers

(NOTARY)

My commission expires 2/22/2014