

**Position Sought:** District Court Judge

**Name/District:** Maria P. Bahr, Fourth Judicial District

**Mailing Address:** 101 Lacey Street  
Fairbanks, AK  
99701

### Biographical Information

**Age:** 61

**Place of Birth:** Illinois

**Children's Names:** Billy, Teddy

**Length of Residency in Alaska:** 1990-2001, 2015-Present

**Alaskan Communities Lived in:**

Anchorage, 1990-1992, 1994-2001, 2015-2021

Sitka, 1991 (summer)

Kodiak, 1992-1994

Fairbanks, 2021-Present

**Education:**

Tempe High School, 1981; Harvard College, 1986; University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, 1990.

**Political and Government Positions:**

District Court Judge, 2021-Present; Assistant Attorney General, Alaska Department of Law 2017-2021.

Assistant Public Defender (Alaska), 1991-2001, various dates; Alaska Court System Law Clerk, 1990-1991, 1991-1992.

**Business and Professional Positions:**

Bar Counsel, Alaska Bar Association; Ethics Committee, Alaska Bar Association; Rules Committee, Alaska Bar Association; Magistrate Judge Training Committee.

**Service Organizations Membership:**

Alaska Bar Association

**Special Interests:**

Hiking, photography

**Other (Biographical Information):**

I enjoy spending time outdoors with family and friends. We go hiking and boating, enjoying Alaska's many rivers and lakes.

## Position Statement

I strive to make the court an open and fair venue for people who are involved in the legal system. People come to court for many reasons, and often the proceedings are hard to understand. It is important that the courtroom is a place where people know they are heard, acknowledged, and respected.

I participate in judicial and ethics training so I can make legally sound and fair decisions on the bench. I engage in training that helps me understand some of the challenges that are facing others, especially in terms of mental health and substance abuse. I also serve on the Fairbanks Wellness Court. Our community is diverse, and I appreciate the opportunity to learn how to recognize and address the many different backgrounds and traditions that come before me in court. In my role on the Magistrate Training Committee, I also work with magistrates around the state.

It would be an honor to continue to serve on the bench for the State of Alaska.



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