

Position Sought: District Court Judge

Name/District: Matthew C. Christian, Fourth Judicial District

Mailing Address: 101 Lacey Street
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Biographical Information

Age: 49

Place of Birth: Owatonna, Minnesota

Spouse's Name: Heather

Children's Name(s): Cora

Length of Residency in Alaska: 22 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Fairbanks, 1994-1998; (except for a very brief period in 1996)
Fairbanks, 2002-2007;
Kenai, 2007-2013;
Fairbanks, 2013 to present

Education:

Owatonna High School; Owatonna, Minnesota
University of Alaska Fairbanks, B.A. Justice, 1998
University of Minnesota
Thomas M. Cooley Law School; J.D. 2002; Cum Laude

Political and Government Positions:

Assistant District Attorney; Fairbanks, Ak 2005-2007
Magistrate Judge and Master; Kenai, Ak 2007-2013
District Court Judge; Fairbanks, Ak, 2007 to current

Business and Professional Positions:

Associate Attorney; Borgeson and Burns; 2002-2005

Service Organization(s) Membership:

Alaska Bar Association

Special Interests:

Fishing, Hunting, Reading, Sewing

Position Statement

Serving as a Judicial Officer for the State of Alaska is a humbling honor, and I strive to operate a fair and impartial courtroom for all. In addition to my regular duties, I currently serve as the Assistant Judge to the Fairbanks Veterans Court. The Fairbanks Veterans Court seeks to address addiction and criminality issues connected to a defendant's prior military service or combat related issues such as PTSD or other mental health challenges resulting from service. I have also served as a Wellness Court Judge and a PACE Court Judge, which address a defendant's alcohol or drug abuse issues in a therapeutic court setting to reduce recidivism.

To aid Alaska Judges in serving all Alaskans, I serve as a Training Judge for Magistrate Judges in the Fourth Judicial District, and I serve on the statewide Magistrate Judge Evaluation Committee. Previously, I served as a member of the Judicial Training Committee for approximately nine years, and as the Deputy Presiding Judge for several years in Fairbanks. During my tenure, I have had the honor of working with the Alaska Tribal Court Development Conference, the Alaska Youth Court, and as a presenter on numerous topics to Judicial Officers.

I hope to continue to serve Alaska and the Fourth Judicial District.

Sincerely,

Judge Matthew C. Christian



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