

Position Sought: District Court Judge

Name/District: J. Patrick Hanley, Third Judicial District

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Biographical Information

Age: 58
Place of Birth: Birmingham, Alabama
Spouse's Name: Tracy
Children's Names: Jenna and Blake
Length of Residency in Alaska: 53 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:
Anchorage 1971-1988; 1993 - present
Red Devil 1989
Kwigillingok 1989-1992
Quinhagak 1992-1993

Education:
Dimond High School, Anchorage, Alaska 1980-1984
Northern Arizona University 1984-1986
Pacific Lutheran University 1986-1988, BAE
University of Utah College of Law 1993-1996, JD

Political and Government Positions:
Public school teacher, 1989-1993; Law clerk for the Alaska Court of Appeals, 1996-1997; Assistant Anchorage Municipal Prosecutor, 1998-2000; Assistant District Attorney, 2000-2005; District Court Judge 2005 to present, Pro tem Court of Appeals Judge, 2013-2014

Business and Professional Positions:
Alaska Bar Association
Chairperson of the Criminal Rules Committee, and serve on the Access to Justice Committee, the Anchorage court security committee, Workplace Conduct Committee, and as a training judge.

Special Interests:
Family activities, biking, hiking, skiing.

Position Statement

In 1971 my parents, four brothers, and I moved to Anchorage. Alaska has been home ever since. After graduating from college with a teaching degree, I taught children in the western Alaskan villages of Red Devil, Kwigillingok, and Quinhagak, gaining a great appreciation for rural lifestyle and Yup'ik culture. I returned to school and earned my law degree. I clerked for the Alaska Court of Appeals and then worked as a prosecutor for the Municipality of Anchorage and the State of Alaska. Since 2005 I have served as a district court judge with the exception of serving as a full-time pro tem judge on the Alaska Court of Appeals for slightly over a year from 2013 to 2014.

I believe the primary purpose of the court system is to serve the people by resolving disputes fairly and promptly. My practice is to treat all people who appear in court with fairness and dignity. I am committed to honoring the time of jurors and providing access to justice for all participants, including those not represented by an attorney. I consider each case before me individually, carefully, and impartially, and try to issue decisions promptly. I strive to maintain the integrity that people are entitled to expect from judges and the court system.

It has been an honor to serve Alaskans as a district court judge. If retained, I commit to continuing my service to Alaskans to the best of my ability.

Current Photo



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