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## Press Release

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### ***Public Hearings and Meetings for the Anchorage District Court & Bethel District Court***

The Alaska Judicial Council will hold two public hearings to receive comments regarding applicants for a vacancy on the Anchorage District Court and a vacancy on the Bethel District Court. The public is invited to participate in person, by Zoom, or by phone.

The Anchorage District Court vacancy is due to the retirement of Judge Jo-Ann Chung, and the Bethel District Court vacancy is due to the appointment of Judge William T. Montgomery to the Bethel Superior Court.

#### Bethel District Court

The applicants who have applied for the Bethel District Court vacancy are **Joy Anderson, David R. Boyer, Jason Conrad, and Roberta C. Erwin**.

The Council will receive public comment on the applicants for the Bethel District Court vacancy at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026, in person at the UA Kuskokwim Campus in Room 18, 201 Akiak Drive, Bethel, Alaska; via Zoom with **Meeting ID: 899 6849 5407** and **Passcode: 56009**; or by calling toll-free: **833 548 0276** with **Meeting ID: 899 6849 5407** and **Passcode: 56009**.

#### Anchorage District Court

The applicants who have applied for the Anchorage District Court vacancy are **Michael Branson, Ronald Dupuis, Lindsay Ingaldson, Julia Metzger, Ben Muse, Eric Salinger, Erin White, and Matt Widmer**.

The Council will receive public comment on the applicants for the Anchorage District Court vacancy at **11:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2026 in the Alaska Judicial Council Conference Room (510 L Street, Floor 4, Anchorage, Alaska)**; via Zoom with **Meeting ID: 849 5597 3954**, and **Passcode: 780607**; or by calling toll-free: **833 928 4608** with **Meeting ID: 849 5597 3954**, and **Passcode: 780607**.

The Council will meet in Bethel at the UA Kuskokwim Campus on February 17, 2026, and in Anchorage at the Alaska Judicial Council's offices on February 18-19, 2026, to interview all applicants and nominate the most qualified for the vacancies, and to discuss administrative matters.

The Alaska Judicial Council's mission is to screen and nominate judicial applicants, evaluate the performance of judges and make evaluation information and recommendations available to the voters, and conduct studies and make recommendations to improve the administration of justice.

For more information, please visit the Council's website at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us) or call (907) 279-2526.

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