

Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct

Meeting of November 14, 2025

Public Session

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Anchorage

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
November 14, 2025
Public Session
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Draft Public Session Minutes

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

June 27, 2025

Anchorage & Zoom

Public Session

Chair Mead called the public session to order at 10:35 a.m. Present were judge members Temple and Wheelles, attorney members McClintock, Mores and Satterberg, and public members Fletcher and Kilbourn. Commissioner Sheldon was unavailable for the meeting. Also present was the Commission's Executive Director, Marla Greenstein and Administrative Assistant Aleta Bartimmo.

There were no changes to the agenda. The Commission then reviewed the prior public session meeting minutes. Commissioner Temple moved for approval of the March 7, 2025, public meeting minutes. Commissioner Kilbourn seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Executive Director Greenstein presented the director's report. Ms. Greenstein reported on the current year FY25 budget and the final FY26 budget. Requested increments for travel were not appropriated for FY26. Ms. Greenstein will not be attending this year's annual ABA meeting, which will save approximately \$1700 in travel, and most of her travel to the NCSC Judicial Ethics College will be paid by the conference, as she will be a presenter, saving additional travel expenses.

Ms. Greenstein next reported on her professional activities. She continues to do individual ethics orientations for newly appointed judges. The Code Revision Committee is completing its review, sending out a first approved draft to state court judges and a few others. After comments are received, the Code will be revised before circulation to the general public for comment. In her national work with the American Bar Association, Ms. Greenstein continues to work as vice-chair of the ABA Judicial Conduct and Professionalism Committee. She also continues her ethics column for the Judges' Journal. In her state activities, she presented a program at the April Magistrates Conference on "Engaging in your Community while Preserving Impartiality". She also participated on a national judge webinar addressing current ethics issues for judges. Ms. Greenstein also briefly described recent staffing changes at the NCSC Judicial Ethics Center that are causing disruption in the services that they had provided.

Complaint processing is current, with 4 complaints currently needing investigation after this meeting. Ms. Greenstein also reported on the informal advisory opinions she gave since the last meeting. There were a total of 30 since the March meeting: 24 of which were given to judges, 3 to magistrates, 2 to pro tem judges, and 1 to a general member of the public. Some inquiries concerned security issues that judges face.

There was still no communication from the governor's office concerning the pending Commission member reappointments (Commissioners Kilbourn, McClintock, and Mores) despite additional contacts.

Ms. Greenstein requested approval for her annual meeting travel to attend the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel's meeting in Washington, D.C., at the end of July. Commissioner McClintock moved to approve the travel. Commissioner Wheelles seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Before considering the proposed rule change addressing the procedure for public comment, the Commission gave the opportunity to the members of the public who wished to speak at this meeting. Two members of the public gave spoken comments to the Commission, Ms. Moore and Mr. Martin. Ms. Short had a question about public participation in voting on matters. Her question was addressed by Commission members and Ms. Greenstein. Another person had a question that related to the procedure involving a matter that was pending in closed session. Ms. Moore requested time for additional comment. Commissioner Temple moved to not provide additional time to someone who has already spoken. There was no second on the motion, and Ms. Moore was allowed additional time to address the Commission.

The Commission next considered a proposed change to the Commission's current Rule 1(h) that addresses how to handle speaking requests. The proposal would seek to formally adopt the changes that the Commission has been using over the past year which require less notice from speakers than the Rule currently requires. A subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Mores and Temple presented a draft Rule that was based on the discussion at the March Commission meeting. Commissioner Temple moved to approve the proposed rule change. Commissioner Wheelles seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed possible dates in the fall for the next Commission meeting. A specific date could not be identified and would be determined later.

Public Session adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Tab B

Director's Report

Budget

FY25 Budget: Final Status

- ALDER Summary Report
- Office Expenses Report



End of Year FY25 Appropriation Summary - ACJC

Report Date	9/16/2025
Budget Fiscal Years	2025
Fiscal Year	2025, 2026
AR Group Codes	C43A
AR Type Codes	C800

Object Type Name (Ex)	Expend Current Budget	Budgetary Expenditures Current Month	Encumbrances	Budgetary Expenditures	Unobligated Expenditure Budget
1000 - Personal Services	444,700.00	34,537.94	0.00	444,700.00	0.00
2000 - Travel	22,000.00	495.46	0.00	17,069.08	4,930.92
3000 - Services	67,500.00	4,003.51	0.00	73,763.69	-6,263.69
4000 - Commodities	10,400.00	755.08	0.00	10,346.09	53.91
5000 - Capital Outlay	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,600.00
Total	546,200.00	39,791.99	0.00	545,878.86	321.14

Cumulative Totals FY 2025 (Expense Report)

Object Code	Description	July FY25	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun-Aug	Total	Current Totals	Budget	Remaining
	TRAVEL	\$ -	\$ 5,024.34	\$ 495.46	\$ -	\$ 1,935.09	\$ 1,808.66	\$ 582.00	\$ 914.89	\$ 4,810.13	\$ 530.57	\$ 26.00	\$ 13,988.50	\$ 30,115.64	\$ 30,115.64	\$ 22,000.00	\$ (8,115.64)
2000-2004	Employee Instate	\$ -	\$ 535.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 582.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26.00	\$ -	\$ 1,143.81			
2005-2011	Non Employee Instate	\$ -	\$ 240.11	\$ 495.46	\$ -	\$ 1,935.09	\$ 1,334.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,772.13	\$ 241.85	\$ -	\$ 941.94	\$ 7,960.83			
2012-2016	Emp. Out of State	\$ -	\$ 4,248.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 474.41	\$ -	\$ 914.89	\$ 2,038.00	\$ 288.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,964.44			
	DOF Final Sweep												\$ 13,046.56	\$ 13,046.56			
	SERVICES	\$ 11,526.77	\$ 6,164.46	\$ 3,928.72	\$ 4,108.51	\$ 813.84	\$ 9,044.61	\$ 4,113.44	\$ 3,659.23	\$ 2,478.45	\$ 7,934.22	\$ 4,556.80	\$ 2,709.22	\$ 61,038.27	\$ 61,038.27	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 6,461.73
3000	Training/Conferences	\$ 475.00	\$ 195.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 475.00	\$ 1,495.00			
3002	Membership Fees	\$ 2,700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,700.00			
3032	Software Licenses	\$ 58.97	\$ 378.60	\$ 208.97	\$ 58.97	\$ 58.97	\$ 141.95	\$ 58.97	\$ 15.99	\$ 101.95	\$ 335.48	\$ 58.97	\$ 188.98	\$ 1,666.77			
3035-3037	Phone & Internet	\$ -	\$ 320.13	\$ -	\$ 319.82	\$ 639.54	\$ 321.84	\$ 320.16	\$ -	\$ 639.65	\$ -	\$ 322.89	\$ 960.76	\$ 3,844.79			
3045	Postage & Shipping	\$ -	\$ 349.94	\$ 9.96	\$ -	\$ 54.98	\$ 29.67	\$ 19.99	\$ -	\$ 39.98	\$ 19.99	\$ -	\$ 376.63	\$ 901.14			
3057	Office, Storage, Parking	\$ 8,292.80	\$ 4,920.79	\$ 3,709.79	\$ 3,703.79	\$ 60.35	\$ 8,551.15	\$ 3,700.91	\$ 3,636.90	\$ 1,337.80	\$ 7,334.20	\$ 3,752.82	\$ 125.92	\$ 49,127.22			
3058	Equipment Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 298.00	\$ -	\$ 298.00			
3066	Printing & Binding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13.41	\$ 6.34	\$ 9.07	\$ 244.55	\$ 124.12	\$ 581.93	\$ 1,005.35			
	COMMODITIES	\$ 9.99	\$ 698.43	\$ 450.08	\$ 84.96	\$ 129.47	\$ 886.99	\$ 388.00	\$ 150.68	\$ 3,174.05	\$ 253.62	\$ 2,551.75	\$ 1,568.07	\$ 10,346.09	\$ 10,346.09	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (3,346.09)
4000	Rules & Law Books	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 219.65	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 344.65			
4002	Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 376.44	\$ 182.34	\$ 47.98	\$ 67.48	\$ 448.61	\$ 371.01	\$ 132.33	\$ 193.03	\$ 202.76	\$ 98.76	\$ 792.65	\$ 2,913.39			
4003	IT Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,436.00	\$ 219.99	\$ 2,655.99			
4005	Subscriptions	\$ 9.99	\$ 16.99	\$ 16.99	\$ 36.98	\$ 16.99	\$ 98.98	\$ 16.99	\$ 18.35	\$ 2,717.67	\$ (0.68)	\$ 16.99	\$ 211.98	\$ 3,178.22			
4009	Food Supplies	\$ -	\$ 305.00	\$ 31.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 299.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 263.35	\$ 51.54	\$ -	\$ 303.45	\$ 1,253.84			
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5025	Data Process. Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
5030	Equipment Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Monthly Totals	\$ 11,536.76	\$ 11,887.23	\$ 4,874.26	\$ 4,193.47	\$ 2,878.40	\$ 11,740.26	\$ 5,083.44	\$ 4,724.80	\$ 10,462.63	\$ 8,718.41	\$ 7,134.55	\$ 18,265.79				
	Cumulative Totals	\$ 11,536.76	\$ 23,423.99	\$ 28,298.25	\$ 32,491.72	\$ 35,370.12	\$ 47,110.38	\$ 52,193.82	\$ 56,918.62	\$ 67,381.25	\$ 76,099.66	\$ 83,234.21	\$ 101,500.00		\$ 101,500.00	\$ 101,500.00	\$ -
	1000 Personnel Services													\$ 442,724.39	\$ 444,700.00	\$ 444,700.00	\$ -
	DOF Final Sweep												\$ 1,975.61	\$ 1,975.61			
	TOTALS														\$ 546,200.00	\$ 546,200.00	
																Final Remaining	\$ 0.00

FY26 Budget: Current Status

(as of 10/27/2025)

- ALDER Summary Report
- Office Expenses Report
- FY26 Projection



Current Status FY26 Appropriation Summary - ACJC

Report Date	10/26/2025
Budget Fiscal Years	2026
Fiscal Year	2026
AR Group Codes	C43A
AR Type Codes	C800

Object Type Name (Ex)	Expend Current Budget	Budgetary Expenditures Current Month	Encumbrances	Budgetary Expenditures	Unobligated Expenditure Budget
1000 - Personal Services	467,900.00	35,165.16	0.00	129,606.99	338,293.01
2000 - Travel	22,000.00	1,971.59	0.00	8,047.64	13,952.36
3000 - Services	76,000.00	4,890.71	36,369.00	28,556.25	11,074.75
4000 - Commodities	7,000.00	200.06	0.00	273.96	6,726.04
5000 - Capital Outlay	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total	577,900.00	42,227.52	36,369.00	166,484.84	375,046.16

**Current Cumulative Totals FY 2026
(Expense Report)**

Object Code	Description	July FY25	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun-Aug	Total	Current Totals	Budget	Remaining
	TRAVEL	\$ -	\$ 2,737.70	\$ 3,338.35	\$ 11,939.68	\$ 195.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,210.83	\$ 18,210.83	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 3,789.17
2000-2004	Employee Instate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2005-2011	Non Employee Instate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,038.01	\$ 195.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,233.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2012-2016	Emp. Out of State	\$ -	\$ 2,737.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,737.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2017-2022	Non Emp. Out of State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,338.35	\$ 10,901.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,240.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	SERVICES	\$ 8,570.76	\$ 4,546.82	\$ 7,478.55	\$ 5,783.30	\$ 427.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,806.64	\$ 26,806.64	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 49,193.36
3000	Training/Conferences	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3002	Membership Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3032	Software Licenses	\$ 58.97	\$ 298.73	\$ 221.46	\$ 38.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 618.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3035-3037	Phone & Internet	\$ -	\$ 319.46	\$ -	\$ 323.67	\$ 320.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 964.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3045	Postage & Shipping	\$ 20.99	\$ 41.98	\$ 20.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3046	Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3047	Promotions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3057	Office, Storage, Parking	\$ 8,490.80	\$ 3,853.44	\$ 3,736.10	\$ 4,920.65	\$ 95.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,096.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3058	Equipment Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3066	Printing & Binding	\$ -	\$ 33.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	COMMODITIES	\$ 17.67	\$ 56.23	\$ 139.26	\$ 280.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 493.56	\$ 493.56	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,506.44
4000	Rules & Law Books	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4002	Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 20.89	\$ 121.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4005	Subscriptions	\$ 17.67	\$ 35.34	\$ 17.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4009	Food Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5025	Data Process. Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5030	Equipment Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Monthly Totals	\$ 8,588.43	\$ 7,340.75	\$ 10,956.16	\$ 18,003.38	\$ 622.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,511.03	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 64,488.97
	Cumulative Totals	\$ 8,588.43	\$ 15,929.18	\$ 26,885.34	\$ 44,888.72	\$ 45,511.03	\$ 45,511.03	\$ 45,511.03	\$ 45,511.03	\$ 45,511.03	\$ 45,511.03	\$ 45,511.03	\$ 45,511.03	\$ -	\$ 45,511.03	\$ 467,900.00	\$ 338,293.01
1000 Personnel Services														\$ 129,606.99	\$ 129,606.99	\$ 467,900.00	\$ 338,293.01
														TOTALS	\$ 175,118.02	\$ 577,900.00	
															Final Remaining	\$ 402,781.98	

Projected Totals FY 2026 (Expense Report)

Object Code	Description	Current	Additional	Total	Current Totals	Budget	Remaining
	TRAVEL	\$ 18,210.83	\$ 11,923.00	\$ 30,133.83	\$ 30,133.83	\$ 22,000.00	\$ (8,133.83)
2000-2004	Employee Instate	\$ -	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 1,970.00			
2005-2011	Non Employee Instate	\$ 1,233.11	\$ 4,973.00	\$ 6,206.11			
2012-2016	Emp. Out of State	\$ 2,737.70	\$ 4,980.00	\$ 7,717.70			
2017-2022	Non Emp. Out of State	\$ 14,240.02	\$ -	\$ 14,240.02			
	SERVICES	\$ 26,806.64	\$ 40,545.29	\$ 67,351.93	\$ 67,351.93	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 8,648.07
3000	Training/Conferences	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 4,975.00			
3002	Membership Fees	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00			
3032	Software Licenses	\$ 618.14	\$ 737.99	\$ 1,356.13			
3035-3037	Phone & Internet	\$ 964.03	\$ 3,425.00	\$ 4,389.03			
3045	Postage & Shipping	\$ 83.96	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 1,163.96			
3046	Advertising	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
3047	Promotions	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00			
3057	Office, Storage, Parking	\$ 21,096.91	\$ 29,092.30	\$ 50,189.21			
3058	Equipment Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00			
3066	Printing & Binding	\$ 43.60	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 1,278.60			
	COMMODITIES	\$ 493.56	\$ 4,285.00	\$ 4,778.56	\$ 4,778.56	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,221.44
4000	Rules & Law Books	\$ 280.40	\$ 250.00	\$ 530.40			
4002	Office Supplies	\$ 142.48	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,942.48			
4005	Subscriptions	\$ 70.68	\$ 625.00	\$ 695.68			
4009	Food Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1,610.00	\$ 1,610.00			
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5025	Data Process. Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
5030	Equipment Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Monthly Totals	\$ -	\$ 56,753.29				
	Cumulative Totals	\$ -	\$ 56,753.29		\$ 56,753.29	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 53,246.71
	1000 Personnel Services			\$ 467,900.00	\$ 467,900.00	\$ 467,900.00	\$ -
				TOTALS	\$ 524,653.29	\$ 577,900.00	
						Final Remaining	\$ 7,735.68

FY27 Budget: Projection

- Office Expenses Projection Report

Projected Totals FY 2027 (Expense Report)

Object Code	Description	Projected Totals
TRAVEL		\$ 26,200.00
2000-2004	Employee Instate	\$ 2,300.00
2005-2011	Non Employee Instate	\$ 17,100.00
2012-2016	Emp. Out of State	\$ 6,800.00
2017-2022	Non Emp. Out of State	\$ -
SERVICES		\$ 68,100.00
3000	Training/Conferences	\$ 1,100.00
3002	Membership Fees	\$ 3,000.00
3032	Software Licenses	\$ 2,000.00
3035-3037	Phone & Internet	\$ 4,400.00
3045	Postage & Shipping	\$ 1,400.00
3046	Advertising	\$ 500.00
3047	Promotions	\$ 200.00
3057	Office, Storage, Parking	\$ 53,000.00
3058	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 500.00
3066	Printing & Binding	\$ 2,000.00
COMMODITIES		\$ 8,100.00
4000	Rules & Law Books	\$ 500.00
4001	Office Equipment	\$ 500.00
4002	Office Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
4003	IT Equipment	\$ 2,000.00
4005	Subscriptions	\$ 600.00
4009	Food Supplies	\$ 1,500.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY		\$ -
5025	Data Process. Equipment	\$ -
5030	Equipment Purchase	\$ -
Monthly Totals		
Cumulative Totals		\$ 102,400.00
1000 Personnel Services		\$ 467,900.00
		\$ 570,300.00

Professional Activities

Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct
Revision Committee

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

ORDER NO. 8064 -ELEVENTH AMENDMENT¹-

The Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct Committee

In 1998, the Alaska Supreme Court adopted a new Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct. Since that time, the American Bar Association completed a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the Model Code of Judicial Conduct in light of societal changes and the role of judges. While the court has amended certain provisions of the Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct over the years, a comprehensive review of the code is warranted considering the changes to the Model Code as well as amendments by other states.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. A special committee is appointed to review and evaluate Alaska's Code of Judicial Conduct.
2. The following individuals are appointed to serve as continuing members of the Special Committee on the Code of Judicial Conduct:

The Honorable Daniel E. Winfree, Senior Justice (Ret.), Alaska Supreme Court, Chair
The Honorable Peter J. Maassen, Senior Justice (Ret.), Alaska Supreme Court
The Honorable David Mannheimer, Senior Judge (Ret.), Alaska Court of Appeals
Marla Greenstein, Executive Director, Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct
Stacy Steinberg, Reporter

3. The committee presented its recommendations to the Alaska Supreme Court over the course of eleven special rules conferences. Next, the proposed revised Code will be posted for public comment. The committee is tasked with reviewing the public comments and making recommendations to the Alaska Supreme Court. The committee will terminate on May 31, 2026.

DATED: September 18, 2025



Susan M. Carney
Chief Justice

Distribution:
Committee Members

¹ This order was amended to update paragraph 3 with the status of the project and the committee's expiration date.

Commission on Judicial Conduct

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ALASKA'S CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT – YOUR CHANCE TO COMMENT

The Alaska Supreme Court seeks comments on its tentative draft of a revised Code of Judicial Conduct for Alaska. The tentative draft Code is an extensive structural revision as well as some substantive changes based on the 2007 American Bar Association's Model Code of Judicial Conduct. The tentative draft Code as well as several helpful resources are available for review on the Alaska Court System's Rules page at [Request for Comment – Judicial Code](#).

The deadline to submit comments and suggested changes is **Thursday, November 20, 2025**. You may email comments to RuleComments@akcourts.gov, or mail comments to Judicial Code Public Comments, c/o Stacy Steinberg, Alaska Court System, 820 W. 4th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501.

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**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE SUPREME COURT’S PROPOSED
REVISED CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT**
(Comments are due by November 20, 2025)

The Alaska Supreme Court seeks comments on its tentative draft of a revised Code of Judicial Conduct for Alaska. The Court is particularly interested in comments on the substantive content and the clarity of the various Rules in the proposed Code: whether those Rules are sensible and desirable, whether they adequately cover the subject to which they are addressed, and whether they are worded in a clear and unambiguous way. Before you submit a comment to the Court, please carefully read the “Comments” that accompany the Rule you are addressing because those Comments may clarify the issue that you intend to write about.

For historical background, Alaska’s current Code was adopted in 1998 and was based on the American Bar Association’s 1990 Model Code of Judicial Conduct. The proposed revised Code is based on the ABA’s 2007 Model Code of Judicial Conduct. The revised Code follows the structural format of the 2007 ABA Model Code, and it adopts many of the substantive changes proposed by the ABA in the Model Code. However, the revised Code contains several Alaska-specific provisions that depart from, or that supplement, the provisions of the Model Code. Many of these Alaska-specific provisions are explained in the Comments to the Rules in the proposed revised Code.

You will find links below to resources that will help you to navigate the proposed revised Code: Alaska’s current Code of Judicial Conduct; the ABA’s 2007 Model Code of Judicial Conduct; and two documents that cross-reference provisions of the current Code and explain their relationship to provisions of the proposed revised Code.

[Text of the Supreme Court’s proposed Code of Judicial Conduct](#)

Comments must be received by **Thursday, November 20, 2025**. All comments submitted to the Court are part of the public record; they will not be treated as confidential by the Alaska Court System. Please send your comments either by email to RuleComments@akcourts.gov, or by postal mail to:

Judicial Code Public Comments
c/o Court Rules Attorney
Alaska Court System
820 West 4th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Resources

- [Current Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct](#)
- [American Bar Association’s 2007 Model Code of Judicial Conduct](#) 
- [Comparison of Alaska’s current Code to the proposed revised Code](#)
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2025 Alaska Court System Judicial Conference

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Alaska Court System Judicial Conference

Monday, October 6 - Wednesday, October 8, 2025
The Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, Alaska

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Alaska Court System Judicial Conference

Monday, October 6

7:30-8:30 AM

BREAKFAST-DISCOVERY BALLROOM

All conference sessions are in the Discovery Ballroom, Fore and Mid-Deck, unless indicated otherwise.

8:30-9:00 AM

WELCOME

Chief Justice Susan Carney, Alaska Supreme Court
Justice Jennifer Henderson, Alaska Supreme Court
Stacey Marz, Administrative Director

9:00-10:00 AM

APPELLATE UPDATE 2025

Senior Justice Joel Bolger, Alaska Supreme Court
During this session, Justice Bolger will discuss recent appellate decisions of the United States Supreme Court, the Alaska Supreme Court, and the Alaska Court of Appeals that may be useful to Alaska's trial judges. CLE Credits: 1.75 General*

10:00-10:15 AM

BREAK

10:15-11:00 AM

APPELLATE UPDATE - CONTINUED

11:00-11:15 AM

BREAK

11:15 AM-12:00 PM

E-FILING INSIGHTS AND INNOVATIONS

Judge William Montgomery, Superior Court, Bethel
Amanda Combs, e-Filing Project Manager
CLE Credits: .75 General

12:00-1:30 PM

LUNCH AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Nancy Meade, General Counsel
Noah Klein, Associate Counsel
CLE Credits: .5 General

*All CLE credits listed in the agenda have been approved by the Alaska Bar Association.



Alaska Court System Judicial Conference

Monday, October 6 - Continued

1:30-4:30 PM

Includes Breaks:

2:30-2:50 PM

3:40-4:00 PM

LAW, JUSTICE, AND THE HOLOCAUST

Sarah Reza, Program Manager, Law and Justice Initiatives
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

During the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Law, Justice, and the Holocaust program, participants will critically examine the pressures faced by German jurists under the Nazis. Using legal decrees, judicial opinions, and case law of the period, program participants will study the role of judges in the establishment of the Nazi German state. This program's close scrutiny of the past provides a framework for an exploration of the role of the judiciary and legal profession in a democracy. CLE Credits: 2.25 Ethics

4:45-5:15 PM

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING YOUR RETENTION EVALUATION

Susanne DiPietro, Executive Director, Alaska Judicial Council

This optional session will provide participants with an outline of AJC's retention evaluation process. Attendees will be encouraged to ask questions and raise their concerns.



Alaska Court System Judicial Conference

Tuesday, October 7

7:30-8:30 AM

BREAKFAST

8:30-10:00 AM

MANAGING STRESS AND STRENGTHENING RESILIENCY: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR JUDGES

Judge Jeremy Fogel (Ret.), United States District Court
Northern District of California
Executive Director, Berkeley Judicial Institute

Judging is an inherently stressful job, and the current social environment has only made it more difficult. This session will focus on the causes and effects of judicial stress and consider ways that judges can make thoughtful decisions, mitigate unconscious assumptions, and support their own and each other's wellbeing. CLE Credits: 1.5 Ethics

10:00-10:15 AM

BREAK

10:15-10:30 AM

AI AT ACS

Case Mohr, Administrative Attorney

A brief conversation about the ACS AI Policy and issues judicial officers are likely to encounter in their courtrooms and chambers.

CLE Credits: .25 Ethics

10:30-11:45 AM

INTRODUCTION TO ALASKA'S REVISED CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Justice Jude Pate, Alaska Supreme Court

Senior Justice Daniel Winfree, Alaska Supreme Court

Judge David Mannheimer (Ret.), Alaska Court of Appeals

Marla Greenstein, Exec. Dir., Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct

This session will highlight some significant changes in the Supreme Court's proposed new Code of Judicial Conduct, as well as the recently amended Administrative Rule 23 (pro tem judicial assignments of retired judges). We will identify the new Code's many improvements over our current Code, including a structure of Rules and Comments that is much easier to navigate and understand. We will pay special attention to the rules of judicial disqualification (which now include the disqualification provisions found in AS 22.20.020) and to the new rules dealing with harassment and sexual harassment. CLE Credits: 1.25 Ethics

11:45 AM-1:15 PM

LUNCH

Alaska Court System Judicial Conference

Tuesday, October 7 - Continued

1:15-4:30 PM

CRIMINAL AND CIVIL TRACKS

CRIMINAL TRACK - DISCOVERY BALLROOM

1:15-1:30 PM

STATEWIDE DATA ON PRETRIAL RELEASE DECISIONS

Susanne DiPietro, Executive Director, Alaska Judicial Council

This session will be a brief presentation of data gathered from a random sample of cases from trial courts in each district documenting judges' decisions on bail conditions and release. CLE Credits: .25 General

1:30-2:30 PM

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

PRETRIAL SERVICES: AVAILABILITY, PROCESS, AND LIMITATIONS

Erica Meckel-Carson, Chief Pretrial Services Officer - Statewide

Anastasia Kiefer, Chief Pretrial Services Officer - Anchorage

The DOC will provide updates regarding its PED program and answer your questions about the same. CLE Credits: 1.0 General

2:30-2:45 PM

BREAK

2:45-3:30 PM

BAIL CONDITIONS: THIN-SLICING THE HUMAN CONDITION

Judge Bethany Harbison, Alaska Court of Appeals

Judge David Nesbett, Superior Court, Anchorage

During this session, we will discuss what trial court judges must consider when setting bail conditions through a review of the statutory legal standard and recent bail decisions by the Alaska Court of Appeals.

CLE Credits: .75 General

3:30-3:45 PM

BREAK

3:45-4:30 PM

PANEL: WHERE WE DRAW THE LINE - A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR JUDGES FOR HOW TO ADDRESS 404(B) EVIDENCE

Moderator: Judge Catherine Easter, Superior Court, Anchorage

Panelists: Chief Judge Marjorie Allard, Alaska Court of Appeals

Judge Jason Gist, Superior Court, Kenai

Judge William Montgomery, Superior Court, Bethel

Judge Andrew Peterson, Superior Court, Anchorage

CLE Credits: .75 General

5:00-7:00 PM

CATCH-UP WITH COLLEAGUES AT THE QUARTER DECK

Hors d'Oeuvres and No Host Bar

Alaska Court System Judicial Conference

Tuesday, October 7 - Continued

1:15-4:30 PM

CRIMINAL AND CIVIL TRACKS-CONTINUED

CIVIL TRACK - ENDEAVOR ROOM - LOWER LEVEL

PRESENTATIONS: 1:15-2:45 PM

BREAK: 2:45-3:00 PM

DISCUSSION: 3:00-4:30 PM

UNDERSTANDING PARENT-CHILD CONTACT PROBLEMS: SINGLE DOMINANT AND MULTI-FACTOR THEORIES; GIVING WEIGHT TO CHILDREN'S VOICES IN THE CONTEXT OF PARENT-CHILD CONTACT PROBLEMS; AND ADDRESSING PARENT-CHILD CONTACT PROBLEMS: LEGAL AND MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION

Dr. Michael Saini, PhD, MSW, RSW, Professor of Law and Social Work
University of Toronto

Dr. April Harris-Britt, PhD, Licensed Psychologist

Dr. Kathleen McNamara, PhD, Licensed Psychologist

Dr. Michael Saini, Dr. April Harris-Britt, and Dr. Kathleen McNamara will begin the afternoon by providing the participants with an overview of parent-child contact problems and considerations for courts when faced with cases involving PCCP. Following their presentations, we will have a short break, and then the attendees will be divided into three groups to engage in discussions with each of the presenters with the assistance of their judicial partners.

CLE Credits: 3.0 General

UNDERSTANDING PARENT-CHILD CONTACT PROBLEMS: SINGLE, DOMINANT, AND MULTI-FACTOR THEORIES

Dr. Michael Saini, PhD, MSW, RSW

Judge Una Gandbhir, Superior Court, Anchorage

Judge Adolf Zeman, Superior Court, Anchorage

Parent-Child Contact Problems (PCCPs) present some of the most challenging issues for judicial decision-making in family law. This presentation provides a concise overview of three major theoretical frameworks used to explain contact resistance or refusal by children following separation: single-factor theories, dominant-factor theories, and multifactor models. The session will highlight how each framework influences the interpretation of evidence, the formulation of parenting orders, and the risk of error in assessment. Judges will be encouraged to critically assess expert testimony and legal arguments that rely on narrow or oversimplified theories, and to consider the value of multifactor approaches that account for family violence, child development, parental behaviors, and broader systemic factors. The goal is to support judicial reasoning that is both evidence-informed and centered on children's safety and well-being.

Alaska Court System Judicial Conference

Tuesday, October 7 - Continued

1:15-4:30 PM

CRIMINAL AND CIVIL TRACKS-CONTINUED

CIVIL TRACK - ENDEAVOR ROOM - CONTINUED

GIVING WEIGHT TO CHILDREN'S VOICES IN THE CONTEXT OF PARENT-CHILD CONTACT PROBLEMS

Dr. April Harris-Britt, PhD
Judge Kristen Stohler, Superior Court, Palmer
Judge Jonathan Woodman, Superior Court, Palmer

Incorporating the voice of the child into legal proceedings has become increasingly challenging as doing so requires balancing the child's expressed wishes with an assessment of their best interests, and recognizing indicators of possible coaching or other influence. This presentation will examine the potential benefits and risks of interviewing children in the midst of parent-child contact problems. Judicial officers will be provided case scenarios and various strategies for determining whether, how, and by whom children should be interviewed, with a focus on minimizing harm while honoring the child's perspective.

ADDRESSING PARENT-CHILD CONTACT PROBLEMS: LEGAL AND MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION

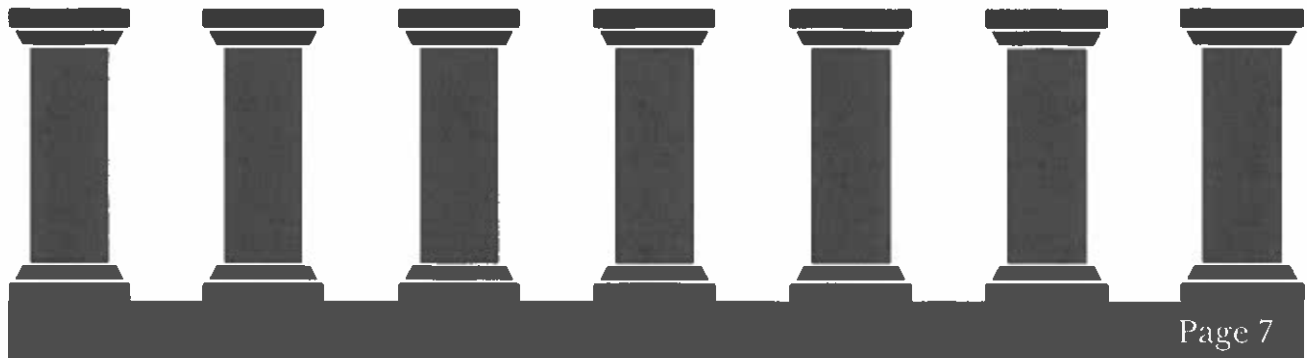
Dr. Kathleen McNamara, PhD
Presiding Judge Brent Bennett, Fourth Judicial District
Judge Marianna Carpeneti, Superior Court, Juneau

Children face serious risks when parent-child contact problems are not effectively addressed. This presentation will explore a range of legal and mental health interventions for situations in which children resist or refuse contact with a parent after separation. As the severity of the problem increases, available solutions become more limited—underscoring the need for early intervention. We will discuss how to match interventions to the nature and severity of the problem and examine the crucial role judges can play in structuring and supporting mental health efforts to address the underlying factors contributing to contact resistance.

5:00-7:00 PM

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Wednesday, October 8

7:30-8:30 AM

BREAKFAST

8:30-9:00 AM

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Susanne DiPietro, Executive Director, Alaska Judicial Council
Marla Greenstein, Executive Director, Alaska Comm'n on Judicial Conduct
CLE Credits: .5 General

9:00-9:30 AM

**CASE FLOW MANAGEMENT - OUR WORK SO FAR
AND WHAT COMES NEXT**

Justice Jennifer Henderson
CLE Credits: .5 General

9:30-9:45 AM

BREAK

9:45-10:45 AM

**IT'S NOT ALL ONE FLAVOR: DISTINGUISHING
AMONG TYPES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND
DETERMINING APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL RESPONSE**

Judge Catherine Shaffer (Ret.), King County Superior Court, Washington

The focus of this session is to enhance and strengthen the court's ability to differentiate between types of domestic violence and thereby support the court's determination of whether to order anger management, a Domestic Violence Intervention Program, or some other intervention.
CLE Credits: 1.0 General

10:45-11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

**PANEL: DV FINDINGS, CONVICTIONS, AND
REAL WORLD CONSEQUENCES**

Moderator: Judge Jo-Ann Chung, District Court, Anchorage

Panelists: Lisa Morley, Criminal Justice Planner, Council on
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Daniel Poulson, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Anchorage

Margaret Stock, Cascadia Cross-Border Law

CLE Credits: 1.0 General

12:00-1:30 PM

LUNCH



Alaska Court System Judicial Conference

Wednesday, October 8 - Continued

1:30-2:30 PM

PANEL: FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OR COMITY; RECOGNIZING FOREIGN ORDERS

Moderator: Jeannie Sato, Executive Director, Access to Justice Services

Panelists: Justice Jennifer Henderson, Alaska Supreme Court

Judge Katherine Lybrand, Superior Court, Ketchikan

Judge Amy Welch, Superior Court, Fairbanks

During this session, the panel will review the laws, court rules, and case law that determine how to handle a request to register an order from another state, a tribal court, or a foreign country. Participants will learn which types of orders can be handled by clerical staff and which must be reviewed by a judge and will examine which foreign orders receive Full Faith and Credit and which receive comity recognition. CLE Credits: 1.0 General

2:30-3:00 PM

BREAK

3:00-4:15 PM

PANEL: OUTREACH FROM THE BENCH

Moderators: Rebecca Koford, Public Information Officer and

Mara Rabinowitz, Special Projects Coordinator

Panelists: Presiding Judge Thomas Matthews, Third Judicial District

Judge Jack McKenna, Superior Court, Anchorage

Judge Christina Rankin, Superior Court, Anchorage

Judge Larry Woolford, Superior Court, Juneau

In an age of social media and declining confidence in courts, it is easier than ever for a lie to travel halfway around the world before the truth has its XtraTufs on. During this session, participants will learn about some techniques for getting out the truth, boots and all, from the bench. Explaining decisions, especially those that may be unpopular or difficult to understand, is essential to combating misinformation and misunderstandings. Participants will hear directly from their peers who have deftly navigated difficult hearings and have come out the other side having fostered trust and confidence in the judicial process. They will provide real life examples and tips for how they do their best outreach from the bench. CLE Credits: 1.25 Ethics

4:15-4:30 PM

CLOSING - CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR NEXT YEAR'S
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 -
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CONFERENCE MATERIALS DAY 2 - MORNING



A brief overview of the Proposed Revised Code



Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct 2026

New Code Organization

- Structure: Articles (in place of Canons) followed by Rules
- Article 1 Uphold the Independence , Integrity and Impartiality of the Judiciary
- Article 2 Perform the Duties of Judicial Office Impartially, Competently, and Diligently
- Article 3 Conduct Extrajudicial Activities to Minimize Conflict with Judicial Obligations
- Article 4 Political and Campaign Activity



Focus Today on Major Changes

- New Provisions Addressing Harassment and Sexual Harassment
- Disqualification Provisions Incorporating AS 22.20.020
- Clarifying the Application of Sections to Senior Judges

Integrating Workplace Policy and the New Code
Provisions



Judicial Ethics and the Workplace



Court System Policies

- Healthy Workplace Policy and Procedures (current and recent proposed amendments)
- Commitment to Civility in the Workplace



New Code of Judicial Conduct Provisions

- Rule 1.3 Abuse of Judicial Office
- Rule 2.12 Supervisory Duties
- Rule 2.15 Responding to Judicial Misconduct



Commitment to Civility

- The Alaska Court System, in keeping with its mission to “provide an accessible and impartial forum for the just resolution of all cases that come before it,” is committed to promoting and maintaining a healthy workplace where all people are treated fairly and with respect.



Healthy Workplace Policy and Procedures

- History and need
- Applicability and Responsibilities
- Prohibited Conduct
- Discriminatory Harassment
- Procedures for Addressing



Ethics Considerations

Applicable Code Provisions

Taking responsibility

Your role within the Court System and with judicial colleagues

Having Difficult Conversations





Rule 2.11 Disqualification

- Organization of the Rule
- Mandatory Disqualification Not Waivable
- Waivable Disqualification
- Procedures

Senior Judges

- Revision to Administrative Rule 23
- Application Section
- Disqualification Revisions and Clarification

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AGENDA

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Welcome Anthony Crowell, Dean, New York Law School Deborah E. Greenspan, President, Academy of Court-Appointed Neutrals Elizabeth Hill, Chair, ABA Section for Dispute Resolution William D. Johnston, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP Hon. James E. Lockemy (Ret.), ABA Judicial Division Jeffrey Zaino, American Arbitration Association
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Introduction: What Is a Court-Appointed Neutral? Leslie Berkoff, Partner, Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP Michael Cardello III, Managing Partner, Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP Edgar Gentle III, Founder and Managing Partner, Gentle, Turner, Sexton & Harbison, LLC Merril Hirsh, Founder, HirshADR PLLC and the Law Office of Merrill Hirsh PLLC; and Executive Director, Academy of Court-Appointed Neutrals Roma Petkauskas, Partner, BrownGreer PLC
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	The Ethics of Serving as a Court-Appointed Neutral Kristen Blankley, Henry M. Grether Jr. Professor of Law, University of Nebraska College of Law Marla Greenstein, Executive Director, Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct Dennis Rendleman, Springfield Lawyer; Of Counsel, Office of Illinois State Treasurer Nancy Welsh, Frank W. Elliott Jr. University Professor of Law and Director of the Dispute Resolution Program, Texas A&M University School of Law
12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Break
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Keynote: Neutral by Title, Professional by Practice, Ethics as Our Guiding Compass Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	View From the Bench and Tips for Court-Appointed Neutrals If They Want to be Helpful Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Eastern District of New York Hon. Timothy Driscoll, Justice, Supreme Court of New York, Nassau County Edgar Gentle III, Founder and Managing Partner, Gentle, Turner, Sexton & Harbison, LLC Kathleen Massey, Senior Counsel, Dechert LLP Hon. Philippe Solages Jr., Acting Justice, Supreme Court of New York, Nassau County

AGENDA (Continued)

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Teaching ADR: What Are the Real-World Opportunities for Law Students and Recent Graduates? Kristen Blankley, Henry M. Grether Jr. Professor of Law, University of Nebraska College of Law Kris Franklin, Wallace Stevens Professor of Law, New York Law School F. Peter Phillips, Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Law and Director of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Skills Program, New York Law School
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	What Have We Learned, and Where Will It Take Us? Merril Hirsh, Founder, HirshADR PLLC and the Law Office of Merrill Hirsh PLLC; and Executive Director, Academy of Court-Appointed Neutrals William D. Johnston, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP
5:00 p.m.	Reception

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Leslie A. Berkoff is a Partner with the firm Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP, where she serves as the Chair of the firm's Dispute Resolution Practice Group, is the former Chair of the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group, and serves on the firm's Management Committee. Ms. Berkoff splits her time between these two Practice Groups. In the restructuring space, she concentrates her practice in chapter 11 cases, bankruptcy litigation, and corporate workouts where she represents a variety of corporate debtors, trustees, creditors, and creditor committees both nationally and locally. Ms. Berkoff's dispute resolution practice has her frequently serving as an ad hoc and panel mediator, she is on the Mediation Panels for the Eastern and Southern Districts of the United States Bankruptcy Courts in New York and the United States Bankruptcy Courts in Delaware and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, as well as the Commercial Mediation Panel for Nassau County, Bronx County, the Nassau County Bar Association, and the American Arbitration Association. Ms. Berkoff is a trained arbitrator and serves on the American Arbitration Association's National Roster of Commercial Arbitrators and Mediators including the Large Complex Case Panel, the AAA-ICDR International Panel, and is a member of the AAA-ICDR Council. Ms. Berkoff also serves as a member of the Second Circuit United States Court of Appeals Pro Bono Appellate Mediation Panel and is a Special Master in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, First and Second Judicial Departments Mediation Programs. Ms. Berkoff is also frequently appointed by judges in both the New York County and Nassau County Courts as a Receiver, Special Master, and Referee.

Kristen Blankley teaches and researches in the areas of alternative dispute resolution, particularly mediation and arbitration issues. She joined the faculty of the University of Nebraska College of Law in 2010 and is currently the Henry M. Grether Jr. Professor of Law. Professor Blankley is interested in the intersection of ADR and ethics, both ADR ethics and legal ethics. She has written on topics including court-appointed neutrals, collaborative law, mediation, family mediation, arbitration, and access to justice. More information about Professor Blankley can be found <https://law.unl.edu/kristen-blankley/>.

Michael Cardello III has been with the firm Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP since 1997 and a Partner since 2006. Mr. Cardello has served on the firm's Management Committee since 2014, and he currently serves as the firm's Managing Partner. Mr. Cardello concentrates his practice in complex commercial litigation, in both state and federal courts, and is often appointed as Special Master and Special Referee by various courts. Prior to joining the firm, he served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Arthur D. Spatt, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Mr. Cardello represents large and small businesses, financial institutions, and individuals in Federal and State Courts in complex commercial matters. He has a wide range of experience that includes trials and appellate work in the areas of corporate disputes, shareholder derivative actions, dissolutions, construction disputes, equipment and vehicle leasing disputes, and other complex commercial and business disputes. Mr. Cardello also serves as a Special Discovery Master and Special Referee appointed by various courts to oversee all aspects of the discovery process in complex commercial cases.

Hon. Timothy S. Driscoll is a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and has been assigned to the Nassau County Commercial Division since May 2009. From January 2008 through April 2009, Judge Driscoll sat in the Nassau County Matrimonial Center. Judge Driscoll is also an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School and has served as a teaching team member at the Harvard Law School's Trial Advocacy Workshop. Prior to beginning his judicial service on January 1, 2008, Judge Driscoll held a number of posts in the public and private sector. He served as Deputy Nassau County Executive for Law Enforcement and Public Safety from July 2004 to December 2007. In that

position, he oversaw all of the public safety and law enforcement agencies in the County, including the Police, Fire Marshal, Probation, Sheriff, Office of Consumer Affairs, Traffic and Parking Violations Agency, Medical Examiner, and Office of Emergency Management. Judge Driscoll was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York from November 2000 to July 2004. His case load included violent crime matters such as racketeering, murder, gun possession and trafficking, and narcotics distribution, as well as white collar matters including mail fraud, wire fraud and health care fraud. His work as a federal prosecutor was recognized by the FBI, Nassau County Police Department, Old Brookville Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Kris Franklin is an expert in legal pedagogy and experiential learning and a national leader in the field of academic preparedness. She is frequently asked to lead workshops for other law faculty, and she has served as Chair of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Sections on Teaching Methods and on Academic Support. She is the founder of the New York Academic Support Workshop series and the Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE). She also co-directs NYLS's Initiative for Excellence in Law Teaching (IELT). At NYLS, Professor Franklin teaches Contracts to first-year students and leads the School's program in Advanced Legal Methods. For upper-level law students, she offers experiential learning courses that include a groundbreaking Family Law in Practice simulation course and a class in Negotiating, Counseling, and Interviewing. Additionally, Professor Franklin established and supervises NYLS's award-winning Dispute Resolution Team. Prior to NYLS, she taught at New York University School of Law, where she also coordinated faculty and worked to develop a critical legal thinking curriculum in its Lawyering Program. Her teaching also draws on her experiences as a staff attorney in the Brooklyn Office of the Legal Aid Society. There, her practice focused on housing and family law, conducting numerous trials, hearings, and appellate arguments while litigating public benefits and immigration cases.

Edgar Gentle III is the Founder and Managing Partner of Gentle, Turner, Sexton & Harbison, LLC, in Birmingham, Alabama. Largely focusing his practice on complex commercial litigation and mass tort/class action litigation, he often works for the courts as a neutral Special Master and Settlement Administrator. In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Gentle regularly gives talks and writes papers about topics related to mass torts. Some of the topics he has addressed include the challenges of administering local settlements and the selection of lead counsel by the courts. Mr. Gentle has comprehensive experience in serving as Special Master and Claims Administrator in Mass Tort Litigation, and providing claims administration and financial and business advice to Courts, Settling Parties, and Mass Tort Settlements. He has helped create and administer over six billion dollars in settlements during the past 20 years. He is also a member of the Birmingham and American Bar Associations, as well as the Alabama State Bar. Mr. Gentle is a Past President of the Academy of Court-Appointed Neutrals.

Deborah Greenspan is a leading advisor on mass claims strategy and resolution. Her practice focuses on class actions, mass claims, dispute resolution, insurance recovery, and mass tort bankruptcy. She has extensive experience in mass products liability matters, class actions, analysis of damages and future liability exposure, insurance recovery, alternative dispute resolution, claims evaluation and dispute analysis, settlement distribution design and implementation, claims management, and risk analysis. Ms. Greenspan currently serves as President of the Academy of Court-Appointed Neutrals.

Marla Greenstein is Executive Director of the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct, a position she has held since 1989. She previously served as senior staff attorney for the Alaska Judicial Council and as senior staff attorney for the American Judicature Society in Chicago. Ms. Greenstein served from 1996-97 as Chair of the Lawyers Conference of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division, served as Co-Chair and Vice-Chair of the Judicial Division Ethics and Professionalism Committee, and has served on the American Judicature Society's Board and Executive Committee. Ms. Greenstein also serves as Secretary of the Board of the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel. She is a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago School of Law and holds an undergraduate degree in American Government and Philosophy from Georgetown University. Ms. Greenstein has published articles in the areas of judicial selection and judicial discipline, including "Judicial Disqualification in Alaska Courts," *Alaska Law Review*, June 2000. She serves on the Alaska Bar's Ethics Committee and Fair and Impartial Courts Committee. Ms. Greenstein is the Ethics Column Editor for the ABA's *The Judges Journal*, authoring the quarterly journal's column. She has lectured widely in the area of judicial ethics and has served as faculty for international judicial ethics seminars in Indonesia, Micronesia, and Russia. Ms. Greenstein served as Co-Chair for the Khabarovsk-Alaska Rule of Law Partnership during its seven years of activity.

Merril Hirsh of HirshADR PLLC and the Law Office of Merrill Hirsh PLLC in Washington, D.C., is the Executive Director of the Academy of Court-Appointed Neutrals and the Chair of the ABA Judicial Division Lawyers Conference Court-Appointed Neutrals Committee. For over 40 years, he litigated cases on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants, as well as the United States government, in federal and state courts in over 40 states. He is also a member of the Commercial Arbitration Panel of the American Arbitration Association, a Fellow of both the Academy of Court-Appointed Neutrals and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Hearing Committee Chair for the D.C. Board of Professional Responsibility, and a hearing examiner for the Architect of the Capitol.

William D. Johnston brings more than 40 years of practice experience as an advocate on behalf of clients in corporate and other business counseling and litigation to assist parties and their counsel as a mediator, arbitrator, and court-appointed neutral (Special Magistrate). His record of service and leadership includes President of the Delaware State Bar Association, President of the American Judicature Society, Chair of the ABA Business Law Section, State Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates, and President of the American Counsel Association. Locally, he serves as a pro bono attorney in the Delaware Family Court and with the Veterans Law Clinic of the Delaware State Bar Association. In addition, he is Past Chair of the City of Wilmington Ethics Commission. He has long-promoted diversity, equity, and inclusion, having co-chaired Young Conaway's Diversity Committee, served as a member of the ABA's Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity, and served (for 24 years, by gubernatorial appointment) as a member of the Delaware State Human Relations Commission. Mr. Johnston is a recipient of the Delaware State Bar Association's "Daniel L. Herrmann Professional Conduct Award."

Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy, an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, was appointed to the court in July 2020. Her 19-year career as a jurist began in January 2006, serving in Criminal Court, Civil Court (including Supervising Judge in New York County), Family Court, and Supreme Court. Justice Kennedy's unwavering dedication to legal education is evidenced by her former role as an adjunct professor at Fordham University School of Law, where she taught a juvenile justice seminar for 10 years and returned there last fall to teach a seminar course "*#LawyeringUp: Skills for Success in the Legal Profession—Beyond The Books*."

Justice Kennedy's service extends beyond the courtroom, as demonstrated by her leadership roles in the legal community. She is the Immediate Past Presiding Member of the Judicial Section of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), past co-chair of the Appellate Division, First Department Wellness Committee, and member of the Board of Overseers of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where she received her law degree. She was also a former Executive Committee member of NYSBA's Women in Law Section, a past member of the Board of Directors of the New York City Bar Association (City Bar), a former Chair of the City Bar's Special Committee to Encourage Judicial Service, a former Board member of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association (where she is a life member), and a former member of the Committee on Pattern Jury Instructions of the Association of Supreme Court Justices of the State of New York.

As a former President of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), Justice Kennedy organized a Legislative Caucus on Capitol Hill focusing on ensuring a healthy work environment free of sexual harassment and led NAWJ in trademarking #WETOO IN THE LEGAL WORKPLACE, which NAWJ continues to use. She is a frequent speaker at various conferences and the recipient of several professional achievement awards, including the 2024 Professor William Hamilton Leadership Award from the University of Florida 11th Annual E-Discovery Conference, the 2023 MBBA Jurist of the Year Award, the 2022 Award of Recognition from the New York Women's Bar Association, the 2022 Champion for Justice Award from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Justice, the 2021 Distinguished Alumna Award from Penn State University, the 2021 NYSBA John E. Higgins, Esq. Diversity Trailblazer Award, the 2020 Inspiration Award from the NY Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law, the 2018 Brooklyn Technical High School Hall of Fame Designation, the 2017 Diversity Leadership Award from Penn State Law, and the 2015 Alumni of the Year Award from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

Kathleen Massey is a member of the firm Dechert LLP. She focuses primarily on complex litigation, including high-profile securities and commercial litigation matters involving allegations of fraud, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and related wrongdoing.

Ms. Massey has represented public and private companies, as well as directors and officers, in cases brought in federal and state courts, as class, individual, and SEC enforcement actions. She has tried civil matters and argued appeals in federal and state court; she has handled numerous arbitrations, mediations and investigations; and she regularly advises clients on litigation-related risks inherent in corporate transactions and on whistleblower issues. Ms. Massey also teaches as a Lecturer in Law at Columbia Law School, and she serves as Chair of the Rules Subcommittee of the ABA Judicial Division Lawyers Conference Court-Appointed Neutrals Committee.

Roma Petkauskas assists counsel, courts, and companies with the development and implementation of complex claims settlement programs as a third party neutral. Ms. Petkauskas currently manages the implementation of the National Opioid Settlements, coordinating with states, subdivisions, and tribes to make payments. She also oversees all aspects of the implementation of the NFL Concussion Settlement. She moved to New Orleans in 2012 to oversee setup, hiring, and operations of 18 offices throughout the Gulf region and a New Orleans-based claim review center to assist claimants in the Court Supervised Deepwater Horizon Settlement. The program issued awards totaling more than \$12 billion across 178,000 claims. The overseeing court noted that this was one of the largest class action settlements ever, and its completion in 2021 reflected an unprecedented eight-year effort. Ms. Petkauskas frequently provides subject-matter guidance on best practices in various claims processes. As a Certified Fraud Examiner, she has specialized expertise and has developed state of the art fraud prevention and detection programs in multiple

settlements. As a Fellow at the Academy of Court Appointed Neutrals, Ms. Petkauskas helped draft the organization's Guiding Principles, a first-ever set of standards for the profession. A graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law, Ms. Petkauskas is admitted to practice in Virginia. Ms. Petkauskas is a Partner at BrownGreer PLC and can be reached through www.browngreer.com.

F. Peter Phillips is Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Law and Director of the New York Law School Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program. A recognized authority on conflict management and resolution, Professor Phillips has taught, lectured, and conducted workshops in the United States and abroad. He is editor of four books, chapter author of three books, and author of four CEDR award-winning films, as well as many articles on ADR. His scholarship focuses on business applications of processes other than courts to resolve disputes, as well as cross-cultural conflict studies and the application of conflict resolution practices to disputes within religious communities. He maintains a blog about arbitration and mediation topics on his professional website. Professor Phillips maintains a private practice limited to service as an arbitrator and mediator through Business Conflict Management LLC. He has mediated or arbitrated several hundred disputes and is listed on many provider panels, including Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution, American Arbitration Association, the Administrative Office of the Courts of the State of New Jersey, FINRA, the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the District of New Jersey, the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for EDNY and New Jersey, and others. He is accredited by the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators and certified by the International Mediation Institute.

Dennis A. Rendleman is a Springfield, Illinois, lawyer. He served as Acting Executive Inspector General for the Office of Illinois State Treasurer from February 2020 to October 2021 and is now of counsel to the Treasurer. Previously, he was Ethics Counsel in the Center for Professional Responsibility at the American Bar Association where he provided expertise and research on legal and judicial ethics and professional responsibility law and professionalism. He was counsel to the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility. Mr. Rendleman was Assistant Professor of Legal Studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield and spent 23 years at the Illinois State Bar Association, leaving in 2003 as General Counsel. Mr. Rendleman has engaged in the private practice as a consultant and expert witness in professional responsibility and discipline matters. He served as a member of the Illinois Supreme Court's Committee on Professional Responsibility and has been a member of the Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee since its founding in 1998. He is also a member of the Illinois State Bar Association Standing Committee on Professional Conduct. A graduate of the University of Illinois and its College of Law, he is a frequent speaker and the author of numerous articles on legal ethics and Illinois history.

Hon. Philippe Solages Jr. is a Court of Claims Judge, and he currently serves as an Acting Supreme Court Justice in Mineola, New York. Previously, he presided as a judge in the Nassau County Family Court in Westbury, New York. Judge Solages graduated *summa cum laude* from St. John's University. Subsequently, he attended the Syracuse University College of Law, where he received a Juris Doctor degree. While at Syracuse University, he also received a Master of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

Judge Solages started his legal career at the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney. Upon leaving the District Attorney's Office, he joined a large Manhattan law firm, where he practiced civil litigation in the state and federal courts. After leaving the law firm, he founded his own private practice on Long Island. Judge Solages enjoys playing chess in his spare time.

Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York, sitting in Brooklyn. She entered on duty on September 2, 2003. Previously, she was a litigation partner and associate at Willkie Farr & Gallagher, litigation associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore, and law clerk to U.S. District Judge David Mazzone in the District of Massachusetts. Judge Stong is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Council of the American Law Institute, and the boards of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the Practising Law Institute, the New York County Lawyers' Association, and the New York Law Institute. She is a member of the Advisory Committee of Columbia University's Committee on Global Thought and the Advisory Board of P.R.I.M.E. Finance, an international dispute resolution and judicial training organization based in The Hague. She regularly serves as a delegate to UNCITRAL's Working Groups on Arbitration and Conciliation and Insolvency, and is an elected member of the European Law Institute. She is the Chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Continuing Legal Education and holds leadership roles in the International Insolvency Institute, the American Bankruptcy Institute, and the ABA Business Law Section, International Law Section, and Judicial Division. Judge Stong is an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School.

Nancy A. Welsh is the Frank W. Elliott Jr. University Professor, Professor of Law, and Director of the Dispute Resolution Program at Texas A&M University School of Law. She was previously the William Trickett Faculty Scholar and Professor of Law at Penn State University Dickinson School of Law. Professor Welsh presents nationally and internationally, has written more than 90 articles and chapters examining negotiation, mediation, arbitration, judicial settlement, and dispute resolution generally, and is co-author of *Dispute Resolution and Lawyers* and co-editor of *Evolution of a Field: Personal Histories in Conflict Resolution*. She was a Fulbright Scholar in the Netherlands and Chair of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution and the AALS ADR Section and is an American Law Institute member and an American Bar Foundation Fellow. Previously, in Minnesota, she was Executive Director of Mediation Center and practiced law. She earned her B.A. *magna cum laude* from Allegheny College and her J.D. from Harvard Law School. She teaches Civil Procedure, ADR Survey, Mediation, and Professional Responsibility.

Jeffrey T. Zaino is the Vice President of the Commercial Division of the American Arbitration Association in New York. He oversees administration of the large, complex commercial caseload, user outreach, and panel of commercial neutrals in New York. He joined the Association in 1990. Mr. Zaino is dedicated to promoting ADR methods and services. His professional affiliations include the American Bar Association (Executive Committee Member of the Dispute Resolution Section, Marketing Committee, and Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the Business Law Section), Connecticut Bar Association, District of Columbia Bar Association, New York State Bar Association (Dispute Resolution Section – Executive Committee Member and Chair of the Public Relations Committee, and Blog Administrator for the Section, and Commercial and Federal Litigation Section – Chair of the ADR Committee), New York City Bar Association (Member of the Arbitration Committee and Affiliate Member of the ADR Committee), Board of Advisors of the Scheinman Institute on Conflict Resolution, New York Law School Advisory Committee, American Bankruptcy Institute, and Westchester County Bar Association.

Anchorage Association of Women Lawyers



Dear Members,

Save the date for AAWL's upcoming **Ethics CLE, Practicing Through Crisis**, on **Thursday, December 4, 2025**, from **4:30–7:00 p.m.** (program 5:00–6:30 p.m., **1.5 ethics credits pending approval**).

Practicing Through Crisis will explore attorneys' ethical obligations when navigating personal or professional crises. The discussion will also highlight practical tools and coping strategies to support resilience, well-being, and professionalism during challenging times.

No RSVP required. Substantial appetizers and beverages will be provided. Free for AAWL members, \$50 for non-members.

We look forward to another engaging evening of learning and connection with our legal community.

Warmly,
Anchorage Association of Women Lawyers

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FY27 Budget Request

10-27-2025 Partial Submission

FY27 Budget Request

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Mon, 27 Oct 2025 7:52:08 AM -0900

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Cc "Rhonda McLeod"

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Good morning,

I wanted to make sure you were aware that the 10/31/25 deadline to submit budgets to OMB just means submissions of C2, C4, and C5 documents. Unless you are requesting any increments, you should only need to submit the C2 by the end of this week. We don't need to submit the fully signed document until December as in past years.

Also, the final SBS Max benefit rate has been finalized and it is slightly higher than the projection. I will recalculate the amount within the next couple of days.

Thanks,
Deanna

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**Adjusted Base
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200	Travel and Moving	6.0
300	Contractual Services	
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	FUNDING SOURCES	
1002	Federal Receipts	
1003	General Fund Match	
1004	General Fund	6.0
1005	GF Program Receipts	
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1037	GF Mental Health	
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1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	
	Total	6.0
	STAFFING	
	Permanent Full-Time	
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**Increment/Decrement
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	100	Personal Services	
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Full FY2027 Budget Request
for Approval

This document represents this agency's operating budget proposal for the forthcoming fiscal year. It identifies all receipts and expenditures that could be anticipated at the time this budget was prepared.

Marla N. Greenstein, Executive Director

Date

**Agency Cover Page
Form A1**

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Agency Commission on Judicial Conduct #770

The Commission on Judicial Conduct has the constitutional and statutory obligations to investigate and address allegations of judicial misconduct or disability concerning any state court judge. While a vast majority of Commission complaints are dismissed by the Commission after investigation into the facts, a few complaints may evolve into formal investigations and hearings before the Commission. The hearing process involves full pre-trial preparation and can be both time-consuming and expensive. Due to the Commission's fluctuating caseload, it is unable to anticipate the number of complaints that may go to formal hearing in any given year.

Staff continues to fully process an average incoming complaint within ninety days. If unusual situations arise (such as formal disciplinary hearings) the Commission adjusts its contractual expenses, when possible, to hire an investigator on contract for a very limited time and purpose; or hires a special counsel.

The Commission responds promptly to inquiries by the public. In addition, the Commission's Formal Ethics Opinions are routinely distributed with Commission informational brochures and complaint forms. Continuing educational activities includes: individualized ethics orientation sessions for new judges; ongoing educational ethics programs for state judicial officers and court staff; and, providing formal advisory opinions to judges. In addition, the Commission will continue to respond to public needs in the coming year by improving its public outreach.

Beginning in FY24, funding for special counsel and related formal hearing costs was transferred out of our general request and put in as a language appropriation not to exceed \$75,000 for that purpose. This change more accurately reflects the need to respond quickly when there is a need for special counsel while also acknowledging that that need is unpredictable.

**Agency Overview
Form A4**

Agency	Judiciary
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FY 2027

CONTACT:

Marla N. Greenstein, Executive Director, 272-1033

Description of BRU Services and Responsibilities:

Created in the state constitution, the Commission on Judicial Conduct consists of nine members: three judges, three lawyers and three public members who are not lawyers or judges. By statute, the Commission is empowered to (1) inquire into allegations of judicial misconduct or disability; (2) hold hearings; (3) informally sanction judges; and (4) recommend formal sanctions to the supreme court. In addition, the Commission approved a procedure for issuing advisory ethics opinions to state judges. The opinions give ethical guidance to judges in response to their requests.

**BRU Overview
Form B1**

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FY 2027

CONTACT:				
Marla N. Greenstein, Executive Director, 272-1033				
COMPONENT GOALS:	EXPENDITURE:			
	Personal Services	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request
		442.7	467.9	487.2
	Other Program Costs	88.5	110.0	116.0
	TOTAL	531.2	577.9	603.2
	FUNDING SOURCES:			
	Constit. Bdgt. Reserve			
	General Fund Match			
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	GF Program Receipts			
	GF Mental Health			
	Other Funds	-	-	-
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	Permanent Full-Time	2	2	2
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	DESCRIPTION OF COMPONENT SERVICES:			
Our full-time staff of two employees maintains a full-time office responding to public inquiries concerning judicial conduct matters and investigating ethical complaints against state court judges. We support a nine-member commission, providing constant information and seeking policy direction from its members. The commission holds quarterly in-person meetings and teleconferences as needed. Our office can be reached statewide by a toll-free number and our investigations entail research involving court locations throughout Alaska. Public portions of the quarterly meetings are held on Zoom to allow state-wide participation.				

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**Increment/Decrement
Request
Form C5**

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Component	Commission on Judicial Conduct #770

CODE	PERSONAL SERVICES CLASSIFICATION	FY 2025 ACTUAL	FY 2026 AUTHORIZED	FY 2027 ADJUSTED BASE	CHANGE	FY 2027 REQUEST
1000	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	442.7	467.9	487.2		487.2
	INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS (NON-ADD)					

1001	Constitutional Budget Reserve					
1002	Federal Receipts					
1003	General Fund Match					
1004	General Fund	442.7	467.9	487.2	-	487.2
1005	GF/Program Receipts					
1053	Investment Loss Trust Fund					
1007	I-A Receipts					

Permanent full-time positions	2	2	2	-	2
Permanent part-time positions	-	-	-	-	-
Total permanent positions	2	2	2	-	2
Permanent full-time staff months	24	24	24	-	24
Permanent part-time staff months	-	-	-	-	-
Total permanent staff months	24	24	24	-	24
Non-permanent positions	-	-	-	-	-
Non-permanent staff months	-	-	-	-	-

**Personal
Services
Form C100**

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Personal Services Cost Summary Form C110

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RDU	Commission on Judicial Conduct #770
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PCN	BU	Title	Type	COLA Step	Range / Step	Bi-Weekly Salary	Months	FY 2026			FY 2027
								Salary	Benefits	Total	Salary & Benefits
410021	XJ	Executive Director	PFT	0	27R	8,908.50	12	231,621	115,598	347,219	360,680
410022	XJ	Administrative Assistant	PFT	0	12G	2,568.00	12	68,350	52,288	120,638	126,513
<u>Classified positions</u>											
		Permanent full-time	2				24	299,971	167,886	467,857	487,192
		Permanent part-time	-				-	-	-	-	-
		Total	2				24	299,971	167,886	467,857	487,192

**Personal Services
Authorized Positions
Form C130**

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CODE	TRAVEL CLASSIFICATION	FY 2025 ACTUAL	FY 2026 AUTHORIZED	FY 2027 ADJUSTED BASE	CHANGE	FY 2027 REQUEST
2000	TOTAL TRAVEL	17.1	22.0	22.0	6.0	28.0
	INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS (NON ADD)					

1001	Constitutional Budget Reserve					
1002	Federal Receipts					
1003	General Fund Match					
1004	General Fund	17.1	22.0	22.0	6.0	28.0
1005	GF/Program Receipts					
1037	GF/Mental Health Trust					
1007	I-A Receipts					

2000	In-State Travel	9.1	14.0	14.0	6.0	20.0
2001	Out-of-State Travel	8.0	8.0	8.0	-	8.0

**Travel
Form C200**

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	FY 2026 AUTHORIZED	FY 2027 ADJUSTED BASE	FY 2027 REQUEST
2000	In-State Travel This expenditure classification consists primarily of transportation and per diem costs of Commission members and staff to attend commission meetings and commission-related in-state travel. FY 2026 Authorized <u>14,000</u> Increment: Travel costs have increased over the years, especially since coming after the pandemic travel limitations. The Commission has nine members representing various areas of the state. The Commission's current in-state travel budget will only fully fund three of the planned four in-person meetings in FY2027. An additional \$6,000 for in-state travel will provide for four in-person quarterly Commission meetings. <u>6,000</u>	14.0	14.0	20.0
2001	Out-of-State Travel This expenditure classification includes the transportation and per diem costs of Commission members and staff to attend out-of-state meetings. FY 2026 Authorized <u>8,000</u>	8.0	8.0	8.0
			-	-

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FY 2027

CODE	SERVICES CLASSIFICATION	FY 2025 ACTUAL	FY 2026 AUTHORIZED	FY 2027 ADJUSTED BASE	CHANGE	FY 2027 REQUEST
3000	TOTAL SERVICES	61.0	76.0	76.0	-	76.0
	INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS (NON-ADD)					

1001	Constitutional Budget Reserve					
1002	Federal Receipts					
1003	General Fund Match					
1004	General Fund	61.0	76.0	76.0	-	76.0
1005	GF/Program Receipts					
1037	GF/Mental Health Trust					
1007	I-A Receipts					

3000	Education Services	4.2	4.0	4.0	-	4.0
3002	Legal & Judicial Services	-	-	-	-	-
3004	Telecommunications	3.8	5.2	5.2	-	5.2
3006	Delivery Services	0.9	1.9	1.9	-	1.9
3007	Advertising and Promotions	-	2.0	2.0	-	2.0
3009	Building Rentals / Leases	49.1	56.0	56.0	-	56.0
3010	Equipment Repairs / Maintenance	0.3	3.2	3.2	-	3.2
3011	Other Services	2.7	3.7	3.7	-	3.7

**Services
Form C300**

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	FY 2026 AUTHORIZED	FY 2027 ADJUSTED BASE	FY 2027 REQUEST
3000	Educational Services This classification provides for fees for training and conferences, agency memberships and employee tuition. FY 2026 Authorized <u>4,000</u>	4.0	4.0	4.0
3002	Legal & Judicial Services This classification provides for retaining special counsel to present formal charges in a Commission case and provides for contracting secretarial support and investigator services on an as-needed basis. Beginning in FY24, funding for special counsel and related formal hearing costs was transferred out of our general request and put in as a language appropriation not to exceed \$75,000 for that purpose. This change more accurately reflects the need to respond quickly when there is a need for special counsel while also acknowledging that that need is unpredictable. FY 2026 Authorized <u>-</u>	-	-	-
3004	Telecommunications This category includes long distance charges, teleconference services, data transmissions, and facsimile charges. Regular service includes charges for communication system maintenance and access fees. FY 2026 Authorized <u>5,200</u>	5.2	5.2	5.2

Services (continued)
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CODE	DESCRIPTION	FY 2026 AUTHORIZED	FY 2027 ADJUSTED BASE	FY 2027 REQUEST
3006	Delivery Services This category includes expenditures for mailing fees and postage. The cost of postage and shipping continues to increase yearly. FY 2026 Authorized <u>1,900</u>	1.9	1.9	1.9
3007	Advertising and Promotions This classification provides for publication of public notices for Commission meetings and hearings in various statewide newspapers, printing and binding of the Commission's annual report, Alaska Statutes, Alaska Rules, law books and official publication subscriptions. FY 2026 Authorized <u>2,000</u>	2.0	2.0	2.0
3009	Rentals / Leases This classification provides for lease of Commission office space. A new rental agreement was negotiated for September 2025 - August 2030. FY 2026 Authorized <u>56,000</u>	56.0	56.0	56.0

Services (continued)
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CODE	DESCRIPTION	FY 2026 AUTHORIZED	FY 2027 ADJUSTED BASE	FY 2027 REQUEST
3010	Equipment Repairs / Maintenance This classification provides for office machine maintenance agreements, i.e., fax and copier, and minor machine repairs. The cost of equipment repairs is increasing yearly. FY 2026 Authorized <u>3,200</u>	3.2	3.2	3.2
3011	Other Services This classification provides for various miscellaneous charges not budgeted elsewhere and occasional miscellaneous charges on vendor accounts. FY 2026 Authorized <u>3,700</u>	3.7	3.7	3.7

Services (continued)
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CODE	COMMODITIES CLASSIFICATION	FY 2025 ACTUAL	FY 2026 AUTHORIZED	FY 2027 ADJUSTED BASE	CHANGE	FY 2027 REQUEST
4000	TOTAL COMMODITIES	10.4	7.0	7.0	-	7.0
	INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS (NON-ADD)					

1001	Constitutional Budget Reserve					
1002	Federal Receipts					
1003	General Fund Match					
1004	General Fund	10.4	7.0	7.0	-	7.0
1005	GF/Program Receipts					
1037	GF/Mental Health Trust					
1007	I-A Receipts					

4000	Office and Library Supplies	10.4	7.0	7.0	-	7.0

**Commodities
Form C400**

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	FY 2026 AUTHORIZED	FY 2027 ADJUSTED BASE	FY 2027 REQUEST
4000	Office and Library Supplies This expenditure classification provides for general office supplies, stationery, educational books, directories, manuals and state forms. FY 2026 Authorized <u><u>7,000</u></u>	7.0	7.0	7.0

Commodities (continued)
Form C400

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CODE	CAPTIAL OUTLAY CLASSIFICATION	FY 2026 ACTUAL	FY 2026 AUTHORIZED	FY 2027 ADJUSTED BASE	CHANGE	FY 2027 REQUEST
5000	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	5.0	5.0		5.0
	INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS (NON ADD)					

1001	Constitutional Budget Reserve					
1002	Federal Receipts					
1003	General Fund Match					
1004	General Fund	-	5.0	5.0	-	5.0
1005	General Fund Program Receipts					
1037	General Fund Mental Health Trust					
1007	Interagency Receipts					

5002	Infrastructure and Equipment > \$5,000	-	5.0	5.0	-	5.0

**Capital Outlay
Form C500**

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	FY 2026 AUTHORIZED	FY 2027 ADJUSTED BASE	FY 2027 REQUEST
5002	Infrastructure and Equipment over \$5,000 This expenditure classification provides for replacement office equipment. FY 2026 Authorized <u><u>5,000</u></u>	5.0	5.0	5.0

Capital Outlay
(continued)
Form C500

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Tab D

2025 NCSC College Conference

- Program
- Disqualification Presentation

October 15, 2025

2:00 PM

Conference Information and Registration

2:00 PM

Daisy Foyer

6:00 PM

4:30 PM

Welcome Reception

4:30 PM

Waterford – West Tower 25th Floor

6:00 PM

October 16, 2025

8:25 AM		
Welcome and CJE Update		8:25 AM
Daisy Ballroom		8:30 AM
8:30 AM		
Balancing Judicial Independence with Judicial Accountability		8:30 AM
Daisy Ballroom		10:00 AM
10:00 AM		
NCSC Project Update		10:00 AM
Daisy Ballroom		10:30 AM
10:15 AM		
Coffee Break		10:15 AM
Daisy Foyer		10:30 AM
10:30 AM		
Determining the Appropriate Sanction		10:30 AM
Daisy Ballroom		12:00 PM
Introduction to Judicial Ethics and Discipline for New Members of Judicial Conduct Commissions		10:30 AM
Violet		12:00 PM
Disqualification and Disclosure Procedures and Scenarios		10:30 AM
Lily		12:00 PM
12:00 NOON		
Luncheon		12:00 PM
Daisy Ballroom		1:30 PM
1:15 PM		
Judicial Integrity Measures – International Update		1:15 PM
Daisy Ballroom		1:30 PM
1:30 PM		
Remedial Measures		1:30 PM
Violet		3:00 PM
Judicial Well-Being: An Ethical Issue		1:30 PM
Lily		3:00 PM
GenAI and Judicial Ethics		1:30 PM
Daisy Ballroom		3:00 PM
3:00 PM		
Break		3:00 PM
Daisy Foyer		3:30 PM
3:30 PM		
The Role of Public Members on Judicial Conduct Commissions		3:30 PM
Violet		5:00 PM
Demeanor		3:30 PM
Lily		5:00 PM
Off Bench Conduct		3:30 PM
Daisy Ballroom		5:00 PM

October 17, 2025

7:30 AM

Conference Information	7:30 AM
Daisy Foyer	6:00 PM
Breakfast Buffet	7:30 AM
Daisy Foyer	9:00 AM

8:30 AM

Disqualification and Disclosure Procedures and Scenarios	8:30 AM
Lily	10:00 AM
GenAI and Judicial Ethics	8:30 AM
Violet	10:00 AM
Demeanor	8:30 AM
Daisy Ballroom	10:00 AM

10:00 AM

Networking Break	10:00 AM
	10:30 AM

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Determining the Appropriate Sanction	10:30 AM
Violet	12:00 PM
Remedial Measures	10:30AM
Daisy Ballroom	12:00 PM
Off Bench Conduct	10:30 AM
Lily	12:00 PM

Disclosure and Disqualification

Best Practices and Judicial Conduct Code Requirements

Governing Standards

Code of Judicial Conduct

Court Rules

Statutes

Caselaw



Role of the Judicial Conduct Commission

Addressing Violations of the Code

- Rule 2.11. Disqualification

“in any proceeding in which the judge’s impartiality might reasonably be questioned , including:”

- Personal bias or Prejudice
- Close relative involvement
- Campaign contributor
- Judge made public statements that appear to prejudge
- Judge served as a lawyer in the matter/material witness/served as a judge in the matter in another court

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Not Following the Law

- Usually Requires a Blatant Disregard of Established Law
- Not Following or Respecting Direction of a Higher Court
- Results in Violation of Fundamental Right
- Pattern Indicating Lack of Competence or Diligence(Rule 2.5)

Is it a Conduct Matter?

- Complaint:
- Judge Jerrold was biased and prejudiced against me. He is a close friend of my wife's lawyer and from the start always ruled in her favor. I asked him to disqualify and he refused.

Is it a Conduct Matter now?

- Complaint:
- Judge Jerrold failed to disclose that my wife's lawyer is his former law partner

Is it a Conduct Matter now?

- Complaint:
- Judge Jerrold failed to disclose that my wife's lawyer is his former law partner and headed his most recent election campaign

Is it a Conduct Matter now?

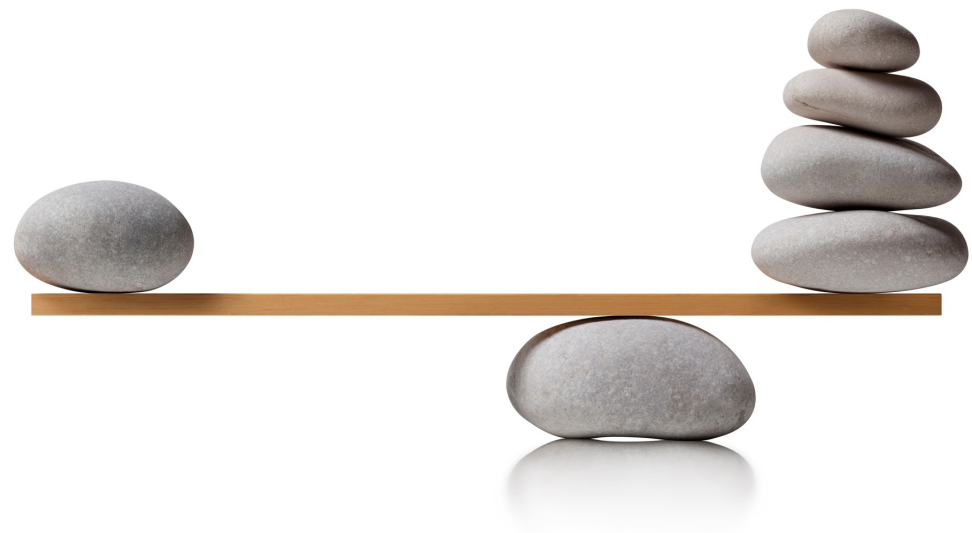
- Your Commission did not receive a complaint but this court decision was publicly reported in a local newspaper:
- On appeal, the Court of Appeals found that Judge Jerrold was disqualified from hearing the matter due to his close personal relationship with counsel who served as his campaign manager and was a financial partner in a local sporting goods store.

Community Standards

- Does the size of the Community affect whether the judge should disclose?
- Does the size of the Community affect whether the judge should disqualify?
- Rule 2.7 "A judge shall hear and decide matters assigned to the judge, except when disqualification is required by Rule 2.11 or other law."

Purpose of Disclosure and Disqualification

Public Confidence in
the Impartiality of the
Court



Tab E

Proposed Rule Change:
1(b)(1) Notice of Public Meetings

ORIGINAL

Suggested Update to Rule 1(b)(1) Re: Public Notice of Meetings

(1) Public. At least 14 days before a regular commission meeting, the executive director shall give public notice on the Commission's website of the upcoming meeting. The notice shall clearly specify the date, time, and place of the commission meeting and shall also state that anyone wishing to speak at the meeting must contact the executive director at the commission office at least two working days before the meeting. An agenda of public matters shall also be included in the meeting notice. Notice to the Public of a Formal Hearing conducted under Rule 14 shall be given in the same manner as public notice of a regular commission meeting. Notice of the Formal Hearing shall specify the date, time, and place of the hearing. If the hearing will be held by teleconference that does not facilitate public attendance, a public audio recording of the hearing shall be made available as soon as practicable after the hearing. [Amended May 27, 2020; May 28, 2021]

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Suggested Update to Rule 1(b)(1) Re: Public Notice of Meetings

(1) Public. At least 14 days before a regular commission meeting, the executive director shall give public notice on the Commission's website of the upcoming meeting. The notice shall clearly specify the date, time, and place of the commission meeting and shall also include the language of Rule 1(h) that applies to public appearances before the commission. An agenda of public matters shall also be included in the meeting notice. Notice to the Public of a Formal Hearing conducted under Rule 14 shall be given in the same manner as public notice of a regular commission meeting. Notice of the Formal Hearing shall specify the date, time, and place of the hearing. If the hearing will be held by teleconference that does not facilitate public attendance, a public audio recording of the hearing shall be made available as soon as practicable after the hearing. [Amended May 27, 2020; May 28, 2021]

Public Session Informational

Judicial Appointment Letters



Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

June 27, 2025

Mr. William Taylor
15919 Sunset Bend Circle
Anchorage, AK 99516

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I am pleased you have accepted an appointment to the Anchorage Superior Court.

Your outstanding qualifications and your record of public service are a positive testament to your ability to serve the people of the State of Alaska as a member of Alaska's Judiciary.

Best wishes in your new endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

cc: The Honorable Peter J. Maassen, Chief Justice, Alaska Supreme Court
Susanne DiPietro, Executive Director, Alaska Judicial Council
Stacy Marz, Administrative Director, Alaska Court System

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Balancing Vigilance, Maintaining Impartiality

By Marla N. Greenstein

This issue heightens our awareness of the multiple ways human trafficking can appear in routine court proceedings. Knowing that victims of trafficking can appear in eviction proceedings, minor criminal offenses, domestic violence cases, and sex crimes, among others, implies that judges should be vigilant to those concerns. The ethical conundrum is how to act on those concerns while preserving the judge's impartiality and proper role in the underlying matter before the court.

Not unique to these issues, judges often must balance how to address related concerns that arise during the course of a matter. Often, it concerns whether to address attorney misconduct in the matter at the time it occurs or wait until the conclusion of the case. At other times, it may be whether to report illegal activity that comes to light in a civil proceeding, such as tax fraud or hiding funds. Ethics guidance typically allows acting on the conduct or reporting the conduct to appropriate authorities if it does not interfere with the fairness of the proceeding. The duty to report is typically discretionary unless it concerns a lawyer's fundamental obligations to the court. Often, the report can best be accomplished after the proceeding has concluded. These general principles also apply when assessing the likelihood of human trafficking.

Dr. Christine McDermott's article helpfully outlines the signs of various categories of human trafficking. Ideally, those resources outlined in the article are available in your community. Incorporating the other suggestions—such as working to reduce collateral consequences by victims by, in part, considering the victim's circumstances when sentencing—becomes much more difficult. Here, individual judges can benefit from broader guidance from their court's policies and priorities. There are several excellent examples of therapeutic court models that can address these concerns in a forum



outside of sentencing. Where the sentencing is of the offender for trafficking, there are additional considerations outlined in the article to guide a judge in evaluating restitution claims or enhanced sentencing criteria.

Impartiality does not require that judges treat each individual identically but rather that each similarly situated person is treated the same. Balancing the effects of human trafficking on the victim or offender, in the context of the proceeding, necessarily includes consideration of the entirety of their circumstances. Human trafficking cases are not unique in this, but they do highlight the necessity for judges to be vigilant to the unique circumstances of the human beings that appear before them. The essential element of judging is to ensure justice. While the judicial system is often narrowly focused on the specific issue presented to the court in an individual matter, a broader sense of justice can be

accomplished through the various additional efforts by courts in this area. Whether through the creation of specialized courts or the educational efforts in community forums to gain awareness of the issues, judges can play a critical role in enhancing justice for victims of human trafficking. Vigilance and impartiality can coexist with a judge's mindful awareness of the complex environment that surrounds human trafficking. ■



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**CONSTITUTIONAL AND
STATUTORY PROVISIONS
GOVERNING THE
COMMISSION**

Alaska Constitution.
Article 4, Sections 10-14

CONSTITUTION OF ALASKA

Art. IV, § 10

Section 10. Commission on Judicial Conduct. The Commission on Judicial Conduct shall consist of nine members, as follows: three persons who are justices or judges of state courts, elected by the Justices and judges of state courts; three members who have practiced law in this state for ten years, appointed by the governor from nominations made by the governing body of the organized bar and subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session; and three persons who are not judges, retired judges, or members of the state bar, appointed by the governor and subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. In addition to being subject to impeachment under Section 12 of this article, a justice or judge may be disqualified from acting as such and may be suspended, removed from office, retired, or censured by the supreme court upon the recommendation of the commission. The powers and duties of the commission and the bases for judicial disqualification shall be established by law. [Amendment approved November 2, 1982]

Cross references. — For provisions on the powers and duties of the Commission on Judicial Conduct, see AS 22.30.11. For proceedings when a successful candidate for judicial retention or the campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer of such a candidate has been convicted of a violation of the state elections campaign laws, see AS 15.13.120(f)(8).

Effect of amendments. — The amendment, effective November 2, 1982 (12th Legislature's LR 36), substituted "Conduct" for "Qualifications" following "Commission on Judicial," substituted "three persons who are justices or judges of the state courts" for "one justice of the supreme court" preceding "elected by the justices," substituted "and judges of the state courts" for "of the supreme court; three judges of the superior court; one judge of the district court, elected by the judges of the district court" following "elected by the justices," substituted "three" for "two" preceding "members who have practiced law," added "governor from nominations made by the" preceding "governing body of the organized bar," added "and subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session" following "governing body of the organized bar" and substituted "three for "two" preceding "persons who are not judges."

NOTES TO DECISIONS

Scope of commission's powers. — This section only empowers the commission to recommend sanctions to the Alaska Supreme Court. Granting the commission the authority to impose sanctions is not permitted. In re Inquiry Concerning a Judge, 762 P.2d 1292 (Alaska 1988) **Cited** in Abood v. Gorsuch, 703 P.2d 1158 (Alaska 1985)

Cross reference. — For statutory provisions regarding Commission on Judicial Qualifications, see AS 22.30.010 — 22.30.080.

Effect of amendment. — The amendment approved August 27, 1968 (5th Legislature's 2d FCCS SCS CSHJR 74) rewrote this section to establish the commission and provide for "disqualification" of judges. Formerly, this section dealt only with incapacity and retirement of judges.

Basis of 1968 amendment. — The Alaska Commission on Judicial Qualifications was created by a constitutional amendment, which became effective in 1968. This amendment is based on a 1966 revision of the judicial article of the California Constitution. In re Hanson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 1117 (File No. 2311), 532 P.2d 303 (1975). This section vests in the supreme court the ultimate authority in disciplinary matters affecting the judiciary. In re Hanson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 1117 (File No. 2311), 532 P.2d 303 (1975). This section and AS 22.30.070(c) unambiguously establish the supreme court of Alaska as the body entrusted with the ultimate dispositive decision in a judicial qualifications matter. In re Hanson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 1117 (File No. 2311), 532 P.2d 303 (1975).

CONSTITUTION OF ALASKA

Art. IV, § 10

Power of supreme court to sanction judge under this section. — Concerning the subject of sanctions this section and AS 22.30.070(c)(2) provide that upon recommendation of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications the supreme court of Alaska may suspend, remove, retire or censure a judge. Inquiry Concerning Robson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 825 (File No. 1552), 500 P.2d 657 (1972).

Supreme court is to exercise independent judgment. — Normally considerable weight will be accorded to a given recommendation from the Commission on Judicial Qualifications, if supported by an adequate factual basis. Nevertheless, both this section and AS 22.30.070(c)(2) clearly establish that the supreme court of Alaska is to exercise its independent judgment in determining an appropriate sanction, if any, as to any recommendation made by the commission. Inquiry Concerning Robson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 825 (File No. 1552), 500 P.2d 657 (1972). The supreme court's scope of review in a judicial qualifications proceeding should be that of an independent evaluation of the evidence. In re Hanson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 1117 (File No. 2311), 532 P.2d 303 (1975).

And cannot adopt commission's sanction recommendations automatically. — It would be tantamount to an abdication of its constitutional and statutory obligations if the supreme court were to adopt the sanction recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications automatically. Inquiry Concerning Robson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 825 (File No. 1552), 500 P.2d 657 (1972).

Substantial evidence test employed in reviewing commission's findings of fact. — Regarding the scope of review which the supreme court should exercise in reviewing findings of fact of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications, there is no reason to depart from the substantial evidence test which has heretofore been employed in reviewing matters coming to the supreme court from administrative agencies and other governmental bodies. Inquiry Concerning Robson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 825 (File No. 1552), 500 P.2d 657 (1972).

But review of commission's recommendation is broader than substantial evidence criterion. — Under the discretionary grant of power to the supreme court under this section and AS 22.30.070(c)(2), supreme court review of a particular recommendation by the commission is necessarily broader than the substantial evidence criterion adopted for review of findings of fact made by the commission. Inquiry Concerning Robson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 825 (File No. 1552), 500 P.2d 657 (1972).

Duties of supreme court in cases concerning suspension, etc., of judge. — In every case concerning the suspension, removal, retirement or censorship of a judge, the supreme court must insure that procedural due process has been accorded the judicial officer proceeded against and that requisite findings of fact have been made and are supported by substantial evidence. The supreme court is further obligated to decide whether the commission's recommended sanction is justified by the record and is in accord with the objectives of the commission as reflected in the relevant constitutional and statutory provisions. Inquiry Concerning Robson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 825 (File No. 1552), 500 P.2d 657 (1972).

Imposition of more serious sanction than censure held inappropriate. — Where judicial conduct which had been prejudicial to the administration of justice and had brought the judicial office into disrepute, was weighed against the relative judicial inexperience of petitioner at the time, the supreme court concluded that imposition of a more serious sanction than censure would be inappropriate. Inquiry Concerning Robson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 825 (File No. 1552), 500 P.2d 657 (1972).

Supreme court sanction decision made part of public record. — Where the actions of a judge were serious enough infractions to justify its following the censure recommendation of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications, the supreme court was of the opinion that given the necessity for the creation of such a commission and the need for enforcement of standards of judicial conduct and canons of judicial ethics, these ends were more fully served by making of record its sanction decision. By making its sanction part of the public record, the supreme court believed that the public's confidence would be maintained, both in the workings of the commission and in the ability of the judicial branch of government to insure its continued integrity. Inquiry Concerning Robson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 825 (File No. 1552), 500 P.2d 657 (1972).

Applied in Buckalew v. Holloway, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 1988 (File No. 4058), 604 P.2d 240 (1979).

Quoted in Delahay v. State, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 648 (File No. 1252), 476 P.2d 908 (1970).

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Section 11. Retirement. Justices and judges shall be retired at the age of seventy except as provided in this article. The basis and amount of retirement pay shall be prescribed by law. Retired judges shall render no further service on the bench except for special assignments as provided by court rule.

Cross reference. For provisions relating to judicial retirement, see AS 22.25.

Quoted in *Delahay v. State*, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 648 (File No. 1252), 476 P.2d 908 (1970).

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Applied in *Native Village v. GC Contractors*, 658 P.2d 756 (Alaska 1983); *Bentley Family Trust v. Lynx Enters., Inc.*, 658 P.2d 761 (Alaska 1983); *Sharrow v. Archer*, 658 P.2d 1331 (Alaska 1983).

Cited in *Sterud v. Chugach Elec. Ass'n*, 640 P.2d 823 (Alaska 1982); *Hillard T. Roach & Equestrian Acres Dev. Corp. v. First Nat'l Bank*, 643 P.2d 690 (Alaska 1982); *Moloso v. State*, 644 P.2d 205 (Alaska 1982); *Newell v. National Bank*, 646 P.2d 224 (Alaska 1982); *Fedpac Int'l, Inc. v. State*, 646 P.2d 240 (Alaska 1982); *McMillan v. Anchorage Community Hosp.*, 646 P.2d 857 (Alaska 1982); *Robbins v. Robbins*, 647 P.2d 589 (Alaska 1982); *Wien Air Alaska, Inc. v. Department of Revenue*, 647 P.2d 1087 (Alaska 1982); *Peter Pan Seafoods, Inc. v. Stepanoff*, 650 P.2d 375 (Alaska 1982); *A.B.M. v. M.H.*, 651 P.2d 1170 (Alaska 1982); *Curran v. Mount*, 657 P.2d 389 (Alaska 1982).

Section 12. Impeachment. Impeachment of any justice or judge for malfeasance or misfeasance in the performance of his official duties shall be according to procedure prescribed for civil officers.

Quoted in *Delahay v. State*, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 648 (File No. 1252), 476 P.2d 908 (1970).

Section 13. Compensation. Justices, judges, and members of the judicial council and the Commission on Judicial Conduct shall receive compensation as prescribed by law. Compensation of justices and judges shall not be diminished during their terms of office, unless by general law applying to all salaried officers of the State. [Amendment approved August 27, 1968]

Effect of amendment. — The amendment, approved August 27, 1968 (5th Legislature's 2d FCCS SCS CSHJR 74), inserted "and the Commission on Judicial Qualifications" in the first sentence.

"Term".—With the exception of this article, wherever "term" or "service at the pleasure of" appears in the constitutional text originally adopted, the reference is to a period of service for a particular office, thus allowing the drafters to be precise in their terminology. The language of this section and § 4 of this article, on the other hand, applies to any judge of any court the legislature might create, and "term" in that context may intend only the more general, though equally valid connotation of any limitation on a period of service. *Buckalew v. Holloway*, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 1988 (File No. 4058), 604 P.2d 240 (1979).

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"Term". "Term of Office" as used in this section means the time to which a justice or judge is entitled to hold office and does not relate to the 10-year or six-year intervals between retention elections for justices and judges. *Hudson v. Johnstone*, 660 P.2d 1180 (Alaska 1983).

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Art. IV, § 14

Section 14. Restrictions. Supreme court justices and superior court judges while holding office may not practice law, hold office in a political party, or hold any other office or position of profit under the United States, the State, or its political subdivisions. Any supreme court justice or superior court judge filing for another elective public office forfeits his judicial position.

Meaning of phrase "position of profit". — See *Begich v. Jefferson*, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 481 (File No. 894), 441 P.2d 27 (1968).

And its intent. — The term "position of profit" was intended to prohibit all other salaried non-temporary employment under the United States or the State of Alaska. *Begich v. Jefferson*, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 481 (File No. 894), 441 P.2d 27 (1968).

The prohibition against dual office holding is literally enforced in Alaska. December 27, 1976, Op. Att'y Gen.

The purpose of the prohibition against dual office holding is to guard against conflicts of interest, self-aggrandizement, concentration of power, and dilution of separation of powers in regard to the exercise of the executive, judicial, and legislative functions of the state government. December 27, 1976, Op. Att'y Gen.

Judge may not sit as regent while holding office. — Since the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska is not an inter branch commission, a judge may not sit as a regent while holding office. December 27, 1976, Op. Att'y Gen. A judge does not sit on the Board of Regents in a representative capacity of the judicial branch. When he sits as a regent he is not exercising judicial power but rather certain executive powers of control vested in the regents over the state's sole institution of higher learning. This he may not do. December 27, 1976, Op. Att'y Gen. The University of Alaska is an instrumentality of the state, and membership on its Board of Regents is necessarily an office under the state. December 27, 1976, Op. Att'y Gen.

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Applied in *Acevedo v. City of North Pole*, 672 P.2d 130 (Alaska 1983).

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Sec. 22.30.010. Commission on Judicial Conduct. The Commission on Judicial Conduct shall consist of nine members as follows: three persons who are justices or judges of state courts, elected by the justices and judges of the state courts; three members who have practiced law in this state for 10 years, appointed by the governor from nominations made by the governing body of the organized bar and subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session; and three citizens who are not judges, retired judges, or members of the state bar, appointed by the governor and subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. Commission membership terminates if a member ceases to hold the position that qualified that person for appointment. A person may not serve on the commission and on the judicial council simultaneously. A quorum of the commission must include at least one person who is a justice or judge, at least one person appointed by the governor who has practiced law in the state for 10 years, and at least one citizen member who is not a justice, judge, or member of the state bar. The commission shall elect one of its members to serve as chairman for a term prescribed by the commission. A vacancy shall be filled by the appointing power for the remainder of the term. (§ 1 ch 213 SLA 1968; am § 23 ch 71 SLA 1972; am § 1 ch 160 SLA 1984; am § 2 ch 135 SLA 1990)

Effect of amendments. — The 1990 amendment added the fourth sentence, relating to a quorum of the commission.

Sec. 22.30.011. Powers and duties of the commission. (a) The commission shall on its own motion or on receipt of a written complaint inquire into an allegation that a judge

- (1) has been convicted of a crime punishable as a felony under state or federal law or convicted of a crime that involves moral turpitude under state or federal law;
- (2) suffers from a disability that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties and that is or may become permanent;
- (3) within a period of not more than six years before the filing of the complaint or before the beginning of the commission's inquiry based on its own motion, committed an act or acts that constitute
 - (A) willful misconduct in office;
 - (B) willful and persistent failure to perform judicial duties;
 - (C) conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice;
 - (D) conduct that brings the judicial office into disrepute; or
 - (E) conduct in violation of the code of judicial conduct; or
- (4) is habitually intemperate.

(b) After preliminary informal consideration of an allegation, the commission may exonerate the judge, informally and privately admonish the judge, or recommend counseling. Upon a finding of probable cause, the commission shall hold a formal hearing on the allegation. A hearing under this subsection is public. Proceedings and records pertaining to proceedings that occur before the commission holds a public hearing on an allegation are confidential, subject to the provisions of AS 22.30.060(b).

(c) A judge appearing before the commission at the hearing is entitled to counsel, may present evidence, and may cross-examine witnesses.

(d) The commission shall, after a hearing held under (b) of this section,

(1) exonerate the judge of the charges; or

(2) refer the matter to the supreme court with a recommendation that the judge be reprimanded, suspended, removed, or retired from office or publicly or privately censured by the supreme court.

(e), (f) [*Repealed, § 3 ch 135 SLA 1990.*]

(g) If the commission exonerates a judge, a copy of the proceedings and report of the commission may be made public on the request of the judge.

(h) If a judge has been publicly reprimanded, suspended, or publicly censured under this section and the judge has filed a declaration of candidacy for retention in office, the commission shall report to the judicial council for inclusion in the statement filed by the judicial council under AS 15.58.050 each public reprimand, suspension, or public censure received by the judge

(1) since appointment; or

(2) if the judge has been retained by election, since the last retention election of the judge. (§ 1 ch 58 SLA 1981; am §§ 2—4 ch 160 SLA 1984; am § 13 ch 38 SLA 1987; am §§ 3—5, 11 ch 135 SLA 1990)

Effect of amendments. — The 1990 amendment, in subsection (a), substituted "filing of the complaint or before the beginning of the commission's inquiry based on its own motion" for "start of the current term" in paragraph (3); rewrote subsection (b); in subsection (d), substituted "shall" for "may" in the introductory language, deleted former paragraphs (2) and (3), renumbering former paragraph (4) as present paragraph (2) and making a related grammatical change, and inserted "reprimanded" in present paragraph (2); and repealed subsections (e) and (f).

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Former paragraph (d)(3) unconstitutional. — Alaska Const., Art. IV, § 10 only empowers the commission to recommend sanctions to the Alaska Supreme Court, not to impose them; and therefore former paragraph (d)(3) of this section, repealed in 1990, which empowered the commission to reprimand a judge publicly, was in conflict with the constitution. In re Inquiry Concerning a Judge, 762 P.2d 1292 (Alaska 1988).

Private reprimand. — Judge's self validation of reduced fare tickets through a defunct airline created an appearance of impropriety which warranted the sanction of a private reprimand. In re Inquiry Concerning a Judge, 788 P.2d 716 (Alaska 1990).

Sec. 22.30.015. Term of office. The term of office for a commission member is four years. (§ 1 ch 312 SLA 1968; am § 56 ch 59 SLA 1982)

Cross references. — For terms of members appointed or elected after July 1, 1984, see § 10, ch. 160, SLA 1984 in the Temporary and Special Acts.

Sec. 22.30.020. Employment and compensation generally. The commission may employ officers, assistants, and other employees that it considers necessary for the performance of the duties and exercise of the powers conferred upon the commission; it may arrange for and compensate medical and other experts and reporters, may arrange for the attendance of witnesses, including witnesses not subject to subpoena, and may pay from funds available to it all expenses reasonably necessary for effectuating the purposes of § 10, art. IV, Constitution of the State of Alaska. The attorney general shall, if requested by the commission, act as its counsel generally or in any particular investigation or proceeding. The commission may employ special counsel from time to time when it considers it necessary. (§ 1 ch 213 SLA 1968)

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Attorney's fees not directly provided for. — The statutory scheme implementing the constitutional provision mandating a Commission on Judicial Qualifications does not directly provide for attorney's fees. In re Robson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 825 (File No. 1552), 500 P.2d 657 (1972).

But arguably they might be treated as expense under this section. — Arguably attorney's fees might be treated as an expense "reasonably necessary for effectuating the purpose of the judicial qualifications section of the Alaska Constitution." In re Robson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 825 (File No. 1552), 500 P.2d 657 (1972).

Prevailing judge may be allowed reasonable attorney's fees. — In order to effectuate a judge's right of counsel and not to be forced to appear as his or her own attorney, a judge prevailing in a proceeding before the Commission on Judicial Qualifications may, in the discretion of the commission, be allowed reasonable attorney's fees. In re Robson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 825 (File No. 1552), 500 P.2d 657 (1972).

Sec. 22.30.030. Travel expenses and per diem. Each member of the commission shall be allowed travel expenses and per diem as provided by AS 39.20.180, but may not receive compensation for services. (§ 1 ch 213 SLA 1968)

Sec. 22.30.040. Preparation of budget. The commission shall be responsible for preparing and presenting to the legislature its proposed annual budgets. (§ 1 ch 213 SLA 1968; am § 5 ch 160 SLA 1984)

Effect of amendments. — The 1984 amendment rewrote this section, which formerly read "The Alaska court system shall be responsible for preparing and presenting to the legislature proposed annual budgets for the commission."

Sec. 22.30.050. Validity of acts of the commission. An act of the commission is not valid unless concurred in by a majority of the members serving on the commission at the time the act is taken. (§ 1 ch 213 SLA 1968; am § 6 ch 160 SLA 1984)

Effect of amendments. — The 1984 serving on the commission at the time the amendment substituted "the members act is taken" for "its members."

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The appropriate standard to be applied in regard to commission proceedings is that of clear and convincing evidence. In re Hanson, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 1117 (File No. 2311), 532 P.2d 303 (1975).

Sec. 22.30.060. Rules and confidentiality. (a) The commission shall adopt rules implementing this chapter and providing for confidentiality of proceedings.

(b) All proceedings, records, files, and reports of the commission are confidential and disclosure may not be made except

(1) upon waiver in writing by the judge at any stage of the proceedings;

(2) if the subject matter or the fact of the filing of charges has become public, in which case the commission may issue a statement in order to confirm the pendency of the investigation, to clarify the procedural aspects of the proceedings, to explain the right of the judge to a fair hearing, or to state that the judge denies the allegations; or

(3) upon filing of formal charges, in which case only the charges, the subsequent formal hearing, and the commission's ultimate decision and minority report, if any, are public; even after formal charges are filed, the deliberations of the commission concerning the case are confidential. (§ 1 ch 213 SLA 1968; am § 7 ch 160 SLA 1984; am § 6 ch 135 SLA 1990)

Effect of amendments. — The 1990 amendment rewrote paragraph (b)(3).

Sec. 22.30.066. Inquiry. (a) The commission may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take the testimony of any person under oath, and require the production for examination of documents or records relating to its inquiry under AS 22.30.011.

(b) In the course of an inquiry under AS 22.30.011 into judicial misconduct or the disability of a judge, the commission may request the judge to submit to a physical or mental examination. If the judge refuses to submit to the examination, the commission shall determine the issue for which the examination was required adversely to the judge. (§ 2 ch 58 SLA 1981; am § 8 ch 160 SLA 1984)

Effect of amendment. — The 1984 amendment added subsection (b).

Collateral references. — Confidentiality of proceedings or reports of judicial board or commission. 5 ALR 4th 730.

Sec. 22.30.068. Minority reports. A member of the commission who believes that the commission failed to impose an appropriate disciplinary measure after a hearing under AS 22.30.011(b) may submit a report recommending a different disciplinary measure. The report shall accompany the majority report and may be submitted by the member to the chief justice of the supreme court, the attorney general, and the chair of the senate and house judiciary committees. (§ 7 ch 135 SLA 1990)

Effective dates.—Section 7, ch. 135, SLA 1990, which enacted this section, took effect on September 12, 1990.

Sec. 22.30.070. Disqualification, suspension, removal, retirement and censure of judges. (a) A judge is disqualified from acting as a judge, without loss of salary, while there is pending (1) an indictment or an information charging the judge in the United States with a crime punishable as a felony under Alaska or federal law, or (2) a recommendation to the supreme court by the commission for the removal or retirement of the judge.

(b) On recommendation of the commission, the supreme court may reprimand, publicly or privately censure, or suspend a judge from office without salary when in the United States the judge pleads guilty or no contest or is found guilty of a crime punishable as a felony under state or federal law or of a crime that involves moral turpitude under state or federal law. If the conviction is reversed, suspension terminates, and the judge shall be paid the judge's salary for the period of suspension. If the judge is suspended and the conviction becomes final, the supreme court shall remove the judge from office.

(c) On recommendation of the commission, the supreme court may (1) retire a judge for disability that seriously interferes with the performance of duties and that is or may become permanent, and (2) reprimand, publicly or privately censure, or remove a judge for action occurring not more than six years before the commencement of the judge's current term which constitutes willful misconduct in the office, willful and persistent failure to perform duties, habitual intemperance, conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, or conduct that brings the judicial office into disrepute. The effective date of retirement under (1) of this subsection is the first day of the month coinciding with or after the date that the supreme court files written notice with the commissioner of administration that the judge was retired for disability. A duplicate copy of the notice shall be filed with the judicial council.

(d) A judge retired by the supreme court shall be considered to have retired voluntarily. A judge removed by the supreme court is ineligible for judicial office for a period of three years.

(e) A supreme court justice who has participated in proceedings involving a judge or justice of any court may not participate in an appeal involving that judge or justice in that particular matter. (§ 1 ch 213 SLA 1968; am §§ 3, 4 ch 58 SLA 1981; am § 14 ch 38 SLA 1987; am §§ 8, 9 ch 135 SLA 1990)

Effect of amendments. — The 1990 amendment deleted "or after an appeal under AS 22.30.011(e)" after "recommendation of the commission" and inserted "reprimand" before "publicly" and made punctuation changes in the first sentences of subsections (b) and (c).

Sec. 22.30.080. Definitions. In this chapter

(1) "commission" means the Commission on Judicial Conduct provided for in § 10, art. IV, Constitution of the State of Alaska and this chapter;

(2) "judge" means a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of appeals, a judge of the superior court, or a judge of the district court who is the subject of an investigation or proceeding under § 10, art. IV, Constitution of the State of Alaska and this chapter, including a justice or judge who is serving in a full-time, part-time, permanent, or temporary position. (§ 1 ch 213 SLA 1968; am § 19 ch 12 SLA 1980; am § 9 ch 160 SLA 1984; am § 10 ch 135 SLA 1990)

Effect of amendments. — The 1990 amendment added the phrase beginning "including a justice" to the end of paragraph (2).