

Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct

Meeting of December 6, 2024

HANDOUTS

Public Session

9:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

Anchorage

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AK Bar CLE

Let's **C**reate, **L**earn, **E**levate
together!

AK Bar Members' Guide to the Judicial Council's Electronic Surveys (2024)

Co-sponsored with the Alaska Judicial Council

Thursday, December 5, 2024

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

AK Bar Zoom

1.0 Ethics Credits

CLE #2024-040

Registration: Free

Explore the insights behind the Judicial Council's Bar survey and understand the principles of ethical, confidential responses. Gain expert guidance on crafting thoughtful comments and ratings that contribute to the selection and evaluation of judges statewide.

Topics include:

- How the Surveys Work
- Participating Ethically in AJC Surveys
- Confidentiality
- Tips for writing good comments

- **Susanne DiPietro**, Executive Director, Alaska Judicial Council
- **Marla Greenstein**, Executive Director, Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct



Course Materials: Digital materials will be available the day before the event. You can access them through your [Member Dashboard](#) under the "My Course Materials" section, located within the "My Document" header.

Explore More AK Bar Programs: Don't miss out on our other upcoming events and CLE opportunities! [Click here](#) to view our full calendar and register for additional programs.

Learn more about the Alaska Judicial Council: The AJC screens and nominates judicial applicants; evaluates the performance of judges and makes evaluation information and recommendations available to the voters; and conducts studies and makes recommendations to improve the administration of justice. - <https://www.ajc.state.ak.us/>

Video On Demand (VOD): For those unable to attend, the event will be recorded and made available on Video On Demand (VOD) approximately 5 days after the event. This ensures you can access the content at your convenience.

Public Session Informational

Articles:
Alaska Public Media

"Susan Carney tapped as next chief
justice of Alaska Supreme Court"

November 25, 2024

Susan Carney tapped as next chief justice of Alaska Supreme Court

[Eric Stone, Alaska Public Media - Juneau](#) November 25, 2024



Alaska Supreme Court Justice Susan Carney stands during Chief Justice Peter Maassen's State of the Judiciary speech to the Legislature on Feb. 7, 2024. (Eric Stone/Alaska Public Media)

The Alaska Supreme Court will have a new chief justice early next year. Justice Susan Carney will replace outgoing Chief Justice Peter Maassen when he retires in mid-January.

Carney was [appointed to the state Supreme Court in 2016](#) by then-Gov. Bill Walker. She'll be the longest-serving justice on the bench when Maassen retires.

Carney is a Harvard Law School graduate who clerked for former Alaska

Supreme Court Justice Jay Rabinowitz in the late '80s. She spent a decade as an assistant public defender in Anchorage, Fairbanks and villages in Interior Alaska. In 1998, Carney moved to the Office of Public Advocacy before being appointed to the Supreme Court. She [replaced former Justice Dana Fabe](#), who in 1996 became the first woman appointed to the Alaska Supreme Court and was later its first female chief justice.

Like all judges in Alaska, Carney was selected by Walker from a shortlist of nominees produced by the nonpartisan Alaska Judicial Council. That's the independent commission that names potential candidates for the bench under the Alaska Constitution.

Carney will serve a three-year term as chief justice after winning a majority vote of the five-member Alaska Supreme Court. She'll serve as the administrative head of the Alaska Court System and will likely preside over the [first majority-female Alaska Supreme Court](#), since all [three attorneys nominated to replace Maassen](#) are women. Carney will also be the only judge on the bench not appointed by Gov. Mike Dunleavy.

State judges in Alaska face mandatory retirement when they reach age 70. Maassen will retire on January 13, one day short of his 70th birthday.