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ELLA ANAGICK has owned her own law practice for the past 11 years, specializing in criminal defense and some child in need of aid cases and personal injury. She has had the conflict contract for indigent criminal defense with the Municipality of Anchorage since December 2007. Ms. Anagick graduated from Stanford University in 1973 and received her law degree from Dickinson School of Law in 1978. She has been a tutor for the Alaska Bar Association for approximately 20 years (for the essay portion); and currently serves on the board of directors of the Unalakleet Native Corporation. She has three daughters, Christina Darby, Jennine Elias and Holly Stebing, and one granddaughter, Citlali Elias.

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JUDGE LARRY CARD (RET.) was appointed to the Anchorage Superior Court in 1993 by Governor Wally Hickel. He received his B.A. in Political Science from Wichita State University and his J.D. from Kansas University School of Law. Judge Card was in the USAF and UASF Reserves for eight years active duty. Prior to being appointed to the court, Judge Card was an Assistant U.S. Attorney. Judge Card resigned from the court in 2006 but continues to work as a pro tem judge.

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CHIEF JUSTICE WALTER CARPENETI began his first term as chief justice on July 1, 2009. He was appointed to the Alaska Supreme Court in 1998. Chief Justice Carpeneti was born in San Francisco in 1945. He graduated with an A.B. degree (with distinction) in history from Stanford University in 1967, and in 1970 received a J.D. degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He was a law clerk for Justice John H. Dimond of the Alaska Supreme Court from 1970-71. From 1972-1974, he was in private practice in San Francisco. He returned to Alaska in 1974 as the Public Defender in Juneau. He left that office in 1978 to go into private practice. He was appointed to the superior court in Juneau by Governor Jay Hammond in 1981 where he served until 1998.

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JUDGE BEVERLY CUTLER (RET.) was appointed to the Anchorage District Court in 1977 and to the Palmer Superior Court in 1982 by Governor Jay Hammond. Judge Cutler attended college at Stanford University where she earned a B.A. degree in history. She received her J.D. degree from Yale Law School. Prior to being appointed to the judiciary, Judge Cutler worked for the Alaska Judicial Council and the Alaska Public Defender Agency. Judge Cutler retired from the court in 2009 but continues to work as a pro tem judge.

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JUSTICE DANA FABE has served on the Alaska Supreme Court since March 1996, and is the first woman to serve on the court. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. Justice Fabe holds a B.A. degree from Cornell University and a J.D. degree from Northeastern University School of Law. Justice Fabe came to Alaska in 1976 to clerk for Justice Edmond W. Burke of the Alaska Supreme Court. She served as a staff attorney for the Alaska Public Defender Agency from 1977-81, and in 1981 was appointed to be Chief Public Defender for Alaska. In 1988, she was appointed to superior court bench in Anchorage where she served until joining the supreme court. She has served two terms as Chief Justice - from 2000-2003 and from 2006-2009.

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JUDGE SHARON GLEASON was appointed to the Anchorage Superior Court in February 2001 by Governor Tony Knowles. Judge Gleason was born and raised in Rochester, N.Y. She received her B.A. degree in History from Washington University in St. Louis, and a law degree from the University of California at Davis. After law school, Judge Gleason clerked for former Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, Edmond W. Burke. She was then in private practice in Anchorage for 17 years before her appointment to the Anchorage Superior Court. Judge Gleason currently serves as the Presiding Judge of the Third Judicial District.

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JONATHON LACK is a Superior Court Master with the Alaska Court System in Anchorage. Jonathon received his B.A. from The George Washington University in 1992, and his law degree from the University of Richmond School of Law in 1996. Prior to his appointment as Master in 2007, Jonathon was an attorney in private practice, worked for the Alaska State Legislature, and served as counsel to former U.S. Senator Ted Stevens. Jonathon is very active in the community, having served on the Board of Directors of the Alaska Humanities Forum, the Alzheimer's Resource Agency of Alaska, Child Care Connection, the Alaska AIDS Assistance Association, the Anchorage Youth Court, and the Republican Party of Alaska. He currently serves on the board for Safe Harbor Inn, a transitional homeless shelter in Anchorage. In 2000, he was named one of Alaska's Top 40 under 40.

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DEBORAH M. SMITH has been a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Alaska for four years. Previously she was the Acting U.S. Attorney for Alaska and the First Assistant U.S. Attorney from 2002-2005 and 1983-1987. Ms. Smith began her legal career as an Assistant Public Defender in Anchorage. She later served in various U.S. Department of Justice positions, as the New England Bank Fraud Task Force Director in Boston; Deputy Chief of the Environmental Crimes Section and Senior Litigation Counsel in the Fraud Section in Washington, D.C.; and Assistant U.S. Attorney in Anchorage. She received a journalism degree from the University of Florida and a law degree from Northeastern Law School.

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LONG TRUONG is a law clerk for Justice Craig Stowers of the Alaska Supreme Court. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Long received his B.S. in Computer Engineering from the University of Illinois in 2000. He spent several years working as an engineer in Texas before returning home to Chicago for law school. He received his law degree from Northwestern University in 2009.

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