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Five attorneys have applied to the Alaska Judicial Council for a position on Anchorage Superior Court that will be open when Judge Stephanie Joannides retires in February 2011.

Applicants for the judgeship will be evaluated by the Council's seven members (the chief justice, three non-attorney and three attorney members). Comprehensive background investigations, a survey of Alaska Bar members, and personal interviews with the applicants are all part of the evaluations, according to the Council's executive director, Larry Cohn. Interviews with applicants and a public hearing will be held in Anchorage. The Council will select two or more nominees to send to the governor. The governor will have 45 days to make an appointment from the Council's list.

Applicants are:

Barat M. LaPorte: Ms. LaPorte is 40 years old, has been an Alaska resident for 40 years, and has practiced law for 15 years. She graduated from University of Notre Dame Law School in 1995, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Gregory Miller: Mr. Miller is 56 years old, has been an Alaska resident for 21 years, and has practiced law for 23 years. He graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1987, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Timothy P. Peters: Mr. Peters is 54 years old, has been an Alaska resident for 54 years, and has practiced law for 7½ years. He graduated from Regent University, School of Law in 2002, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Kevin M. Saxby: Mr. Saxby is 53 years old, has been an Alaska resident for 24 years, and has practiced law for 25 years. He graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 1986, and is currently an assistant attorney general in Anchorage.

Daniel Schally: Judge Schally is 42 years old, has been an Alaska resident for 13 years, and has practiced law for 13 years. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1997, and is currently a district court judge in Valdez.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THESE APPLICANTS IS ENCOURAGED DURING THE EVALUATION PHASE OF THE COUNCIL'S WORK. TO COMMENT, OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT LARRY COHN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL, 1029 W. THIRD AVENUE, SUITE 201, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-1969, (907) 279-2526.

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