

Position Sought: **Superior Court Judge**

Name/District: **Marianna C. Carpeneti, First Judicial District**

Mailing Address: 10656 Starlite Court Juneau, AK 99801

Biographical Information

Age: 44

Place of Birth: Juneau, Alaska

Spouse's Name: Michael Winfree

Children's Names: Vivianna, Annetta

Length of Residency in Alaska: 41 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Juneau: 1982-2009, 2015-2020, 2022-present

Dillingham: 2012-2014

Homer: 2020-2022

Education:

Juneau-Douglas High School

Davidson College, BA

University of Washington, JD

Political and Government Positions:

Legislative Staff; Assistant District Attorney, Assistant Attorney General,
Assistant Public Advocate

Business and Professional Positions:

Carpenter; Hoffman & Blasco; Carpeneti Law Office

Service Organizations Membership:

Alaska Board of Governors, New Lawyer Liaison

Officer, Juneau Bar Association

Officer, Native Law Students Association, UW

Special Interests:

Italian cooking, knitting, hiking

Other (Biographical Information):

I was born and raised in Juneau. Like many Alaskans, I feel a deep connection to this place. I began my law practice in Dillingham, where I prosecuted crimes ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies and developed courtroom experience through numerous criminal trials. I later practiced as an Assistant Attorney General and in private practice before my appointment to the superior court. It has been a privilege to serve Southeast Alaska in this role.

Position Statement

Most Alaskans come into the courtroom only a few times in their lives, often for jury service. Being a litigant or a witness can be overwhelming and intimidating: court procedures are formal and often technical and bear little resemblance to daily life.

My goal, as a judge, is to ensure that everyone who comes into the courtroom understands why they are in the courtroom and how the hearing will unfold, feels as comfortable as possible, and leaves feeling like I have listened to and understood their concerns. In addition, I strive to ensure litigants understand why and how I arrived at my decision. When people understand the reasons for a decision and believe that the judge has truly heard them and taken their concerns into consideration, they are more confident in the judicial process and more comfortable accepting the decision, whether or not it is in their favor. It is also imperative the judge be aware not only of the circumstances of a particular case, but also of the stress people face when they participate in a courtroom proceeding.

The cases that I hear are serious, with the chance that people's lives will be greatly affected by the outcome. I do everything I can to reach the right decision in every case I hear. It is a privilege to do this work, and I am grateful to the communities of Southeast Alaska for trusting me with these important decisions.

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