

Position Sought: **Superior Court Judge**

Name/District: **Laura Hartz, Third Judicial District**

Mailing Address: 825 W. Fourth Avenue, Anchorage AK 99501

Biographical Information

Age: 46

Place of Birth: Wheatridge, Colorado

Spouse's Name: Jason Hartz

Children's Names: Maxwell & James

Length of Residency in Alaska: 17 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Anchorage 2006-2007; 2010-present

Education:

Lakeridge High School (Diploma 1998)

Gonzaga University (B.A. 2001)

University of Oregon School of Law (J.D. 2005)

Political and Government Positions:

Lane County Circuit Court, Law Clerk to Hon. Kip Leonard

Alaska Department of Law, Assistant Attorney General

Office of Public Advocacy, Assistant Public Advocate and guardian ad litem

Anchorage Superior Court Judge

Business and Professional Positions:

Committee Member for the Court Improvement Project for Child in Need of Aid (CINA) Cases

Chair of the CINA Work Group

Committee Member for Success Inside & Out

Service Organizations Membership:

Alaska Bar Association

PTA

Special Interests:

Spending time with family, biking, and cross-country skiing

Other (Biographical Information):

Like many Alaskans, I moved here for what I anticipated to be a year. I fell in love with Alaska, and it didn't take much to convince my husband, a lifelong Alaskan, to stay. We are grateful to live and raise our children here.

Position Statement

Since 2023 I have been honored to serve on the Anchorage Superior Court. I hear a variety of cases, including but not limited to: divorce and custody, probate matters, mental health commitments, Child in Need of Aid cases, general civil litigation, and criminal cases. I do my best to come into hearings prepared, to explain court processes, and to listen carefully to the litigants who appear before me. Judges meet people on their hardest days. I strive to treat everyone who comes into my courtroom with respect and dignity. I work hard to issue prompt, well-reasoned decisions.

In addition to my regular duties, I am fortunate to preside over the CINA Therapeutic Court (CTC). The goal of CTC is to connect OCS-involved parents who are struggling with addiction to substance abuse treatment so their children can safely return home. In addition to treatment, parents in the program find jobs to support themselves and their families, and as they progress through the program, they mentor new participants. I am inspired by the hard work and commitment of the parents in our program.

It has truly been an honor to serve the people of the Third Judicial District. I hope that voters will entrust me to continue this important work.

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