

Position Sought: District Court Judge

Name/District: Shawn Traini, Third Judicial District

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Biographical Information

Age: 55

Place of Birth: Grissom Air Force Base, Indiana

Spouse's Name: Kelley A. Traini

Children's Names: Alex, Madison, & Brandon

Length of Residency in Alaska: 44 Years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Anchorage/Eagle River 1971-1994

Palmer/Wasilla 2007 - Present.

Education:

Bartlett High School

University of Alaska Anchorage

Utah State University

University of Utah, College of Law

Political and Government Positions:

District Court Judge 2020 - Present

Assistant District Attorney 2007 - 2019; Assistant Municipal Attorney 2007;

Deputy Prosecutor 2001 - 2007; Deputy Public Defender 1999-2001

Business and Professional Positions:

Palmer Wellness Court Judge

Magistrate Training Judge

Magistrate Judge Conference Planning Committee

Special Interests:

Spending time with grandchildren, reading, fishing and baking cheesecakes.

Position Statement

As a judge, I have presided over a wide range of cases, including criminal matters, civil disputes, landlord-tenant issues, and small claims. This experience has prepared me to manage a high volume and diverse caseload while ensuring each case receives careful, individualized attention.

I am committed to applying the Constitution and laws of Alaska fairly, impartially, and consistently. In every case, I listen carefully to all parties, evaluate the evidence thoughtfully, and issue well-reasoned decisions. I recognize that each person who appears in court is facing an important moment in their life, and I treat all individuals with dignity, respect, and courtesy.

In criminal cases, I strive to balance accountability, public safety, and opportunities for rehabilitation. In civil matters, I focus on decisions that are just, clear, and grounded in the law. I also work to ensure that court procedures and decisions are understandable and accessible to all, including those without legal representation.

In addition to my regular duties, I have served in therapeutic and community focused roles, including the Palmer Wellness Court, which has helped many individuals overcome addiction and rebuild their lives. I have also participated in legal education and community outreach through local youth programs.

It has been a privilege to serve the people of Alaska as a judge. I remain dedicated to administering justice fairly, impartially, and with integrity. I would be honored to continue serving the State of Alaska.

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