

Position Sought: Superior Court Judge

Name/District: Ian Wheelles, Third Judicial District

Mailing Address: 825 W. 4th Ave Anchorage, AK 99501

Biographical Information

Age: 43

Place of Birth: Anchorage

Spouse’s Name: Kathryn

Children’s Names: Ruby, Pepper, Saylor, Riker

Length of Residency in Alaska: 43 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:
Anchorage since 1983

Education:
Dimond High
Illinois Institute of Technology
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Idaho – College of Law

Political and Government Positions:
Anchorage Superior Court Judge (2022-present)
Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct (2024-present)
Child Support Rules Committee (2015-present) Family Rules Committee (2025-present)

Business and Professional Positions:
Law Office of Ian Wheelles (2009-2022)
Law Office of Dan Allan (2008-2009)

Service Organizations Membership:
ChangePoint Church
Anchorage Youth Court

Special Interests:
Family, camping, hunting, baseball, reading, theology

Other (Biographical Information):
My grandparents moved to Alaska in the 1950s and 1960s. I grew up in Anchorage, with many cousins, aunts and uncles throughout the state. My children will be 3rd generation Dimond High grads in a few years. My family is deeply rooted in Alaska, and I would never be at home somewhere else. I am blessed to enjoy days on a mountain or the water and grateful every day that I was born here.

Position Statement

After running a small, busy family law office for 13 years, I have served the past four in the Anchorage Superior Court. I am humbled by this honor each day and work hard to give my very best in every case. I believe this is our calling as judges and I strive to remember that daily. In a free society, the rule of law depends on the courts for justice and equality under the law. Judges must earn the public's respect and maintain free and fair courts to do that. I seek to ensure everyone in court is heard and treated with dignity. Our oath to uphold the Constitution demands nothing less.

I have been appointed to roles that will improve our justice system and the outcomes for our community. I chair the committee tasked with reviewing the child support rules—which affect thousands of parents and children in Alaska. I also chair the court's family rules committee, aimed at improving divorce and child custody cases. I serve on the Judicial Conduct Commission, which has an immense role in safeguarding the public's trust in the judiciary. And I preside over a felony probation court for those battling addiction—which affects nearly everyone in Alaska in some way.

I applied for this job to serve the public and make justice accessible for every Alaskan. If retained, I will continue to do so to the very best of my ability.

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