Jonathan A. Woodman – Superior Court Judge, Third Judicial District

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Age: 52

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Length of Residency in Alaska: 20 years

Education:
The Ohio State University College of Law. Graduated 1993, Juris Doctor.

Political and Government Positions:
Assistant Attorney General 2008-2016
State Ethics Attorney 2013-2016

Business and Professional Positions:
Guess & Rudd, P.C. 1999-2008

Service Organization(s) Membership:
Alaska Triathlon Club, board of directors
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Special Interests:
Triathlon, cycling, reading, trivia (3-time winner on Jeopardy)

Position Statement:
Serving the people of the Third Judicial District and the Mat-Su Valley as a superior court judge and the Palmer deputy presiding judge has been the greatest honor of my life. I strive to ensure that every person who comes into the courtroom is treated with courtesy, dignity, and respect. I make sure that matters presented to me are decided based on a fair and impartial
consideration of the facts and the law, and that my decisions are rendered without fear or favor.

I am fortunate to preside over the new therapeutic court called Families with Infants and Toddlers (FIT) Court. The FIT Court applies the science of early childhood development to the child welfare system through an expedited court process. The Court’s goals are to build treatment and supports for involved families by providing comprehensive services that address parental substance use, parenting skills, family safety and children’s needs. The FIT Court offers enhanced services in order to achieve permanency within 12 months, whether that’s with the parent or another loving caregiver. The FIT Court has established effective collaborative relationships with regional stakeholders and continues to develop innovative strategies to meet this specific population.

I believe that I have served the people of Alaska well the last four years and I look forward to continuing to serve and to expand my skills as a judge.