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Historic Make-Up of Members of the Alaska Judicial Council

Even though the Constitution directs that “appointments shall be made with due consideration to area **presentation and without regard to political affiliation**” that has not been the outcome. **Attorney members have all come from 4 cities** – Anchorage with 12, Fairbanks with 14, Juneau with 10, and Ketchikan with 3.

Public members have predominately come from the same 4 four locations over the history of the Judicial Council – Anchorage with 10, Fairbanks with 8, Ketchikan with 6, and Juneau with 5.

Other locations only represent a single member or at most 2 in the history of the council. You have to go back to 1987-1993 to find the one public member from Barrow – the last time someone from the bush was selected. A public member from Sitka was last appointed in 1991.

Public makeup:

1. Anchorage -10
2. Fairbanks – 8
3. Ketchikan – 6
4. Juneau – 5
5. Locations with 2: Homer, Sitka, Wasilla, Seward
6. Locations with 1: Kotzebue, Barrow, Petersburg, Kenai

Attorney make up:

1. Fairbanks – 14
2. Anchorage – 12
3. Juneau – 10
4. Ketchikan - 3