

# STATE OF ALASKA – JUDICIARY



## Alaska Court System

- Established at statehood in Art. IV of the Alaska Constitution

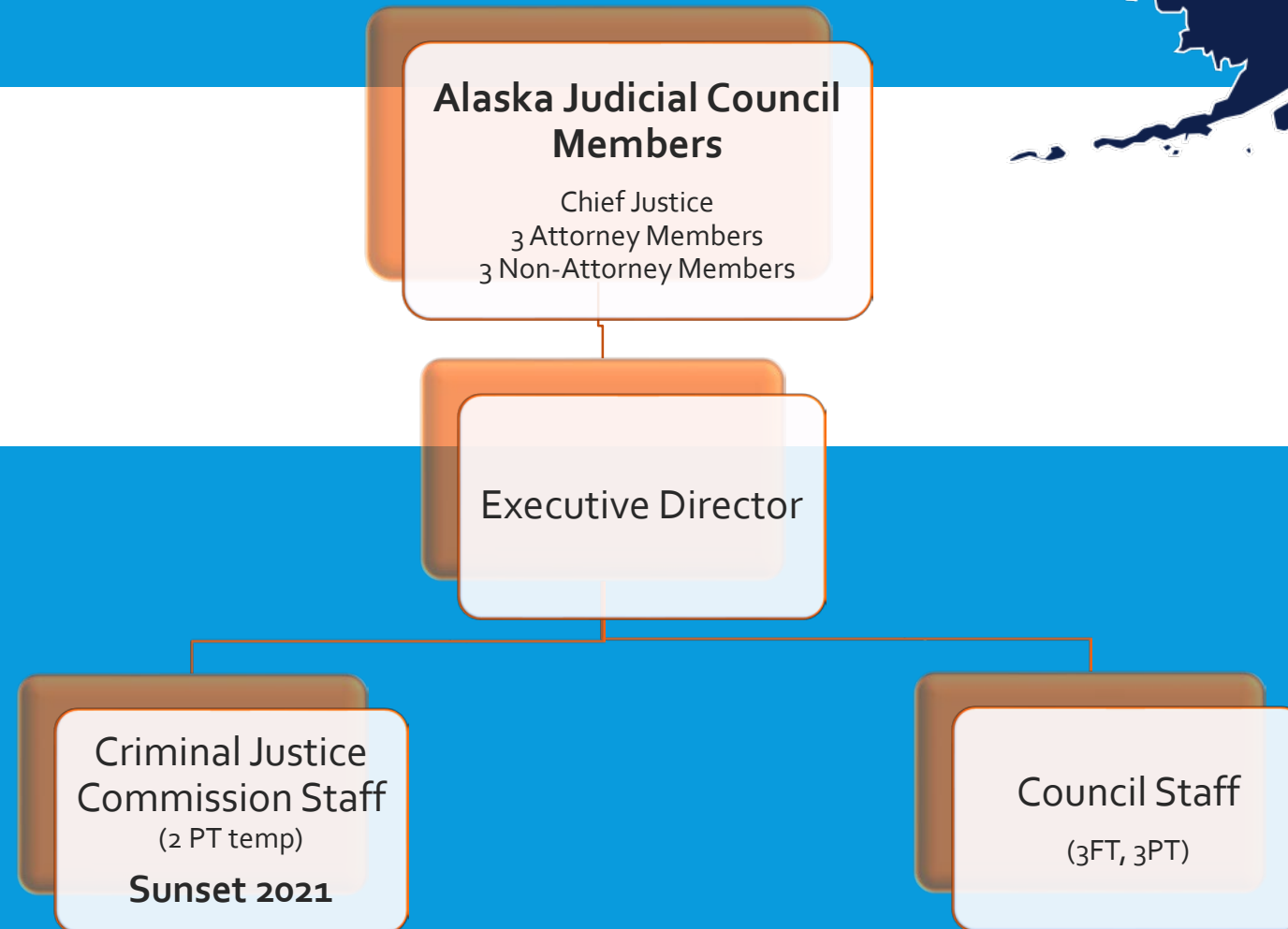
## Alaska Judicial Council

- Established at statehood in Art. IV, Section 8 of the Alaska Constitution

## Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct

- Established by amendment to the Alaska Constitution in 1968

# ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL STRUCTURE



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## DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Selection of Judges

Ak Const. Art. IV, Sec. 5; AS 22.05.080, 22.07.070, 22.10.100, 22.15.170

- Recruitment of applicants, acceptance and screening of applications, survey of attorneys, research on all aspects of applicants' employment history;
- Public hearing, in-person interviews of all applicants;
- Same process for nomination of Public Defender candidates (AS 18.85.030 and .050)

### Evaluation of Judges

AS 22.05.100, 22.07.060; 22.10.150, 22.15.195, and AS 15.58.050

- Evaluation of judges and justices standing for retention includes surveys of attorneys, police, jurors, social services professionals; research on pay affidavits, peremptory challenges, appellate reversals, and other items;
- Council provides evaluation information to the public through media, internet, and publication in Lt. Gov's Official Election Pamphlet
- Administrative Rule 23 – evaluation of pro tem judges

### Research & Studies

Alaska Constitution, Article IV, Section 9

Criminal Justice Commission (AS 44.19)  
Criminal Justice Advisory Board (AS 12.62.100)  
Criminal Justice Working Group

Ad hoc studies for legislature, court system, state agencies

# ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

## Goals



- The Judicial Council strives to maintain excellence in the judicial branch of government through merit selection of judges and judicial performance evaluation.
- The Judicial Council works to improve the administration of justice through its studies and recommendations to the legislature and supreme court.