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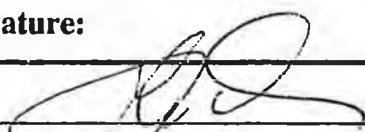


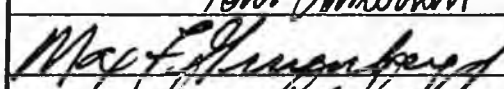
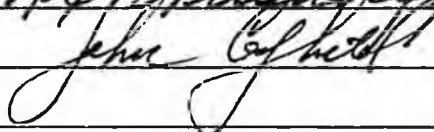

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: March 5, 2003

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Judiciary Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following Governor's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Judicial Council
 Bill Gordon - Fairbanks
 Appointed: 05/18/2003 Term Expires: 3/01/2009

This does not reflect intent by any of the members to vote for or against this individual during any further sessions for the purposes of confirmation.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 19, 2003

To: Representative McGuire, Chair
Judiciary Committee

From: Suzi Lowell *sl*
Chief Clerk

Subject: Governor's Appointments

Speaker Kott referred the following Governor's appointments to the Judiciary Committee:

Judicial Council

Bill Gordon - Fairbanks

Appointed: 05/18/2003 Term Expires: 05/18/2009

Violent Crimes Compensation Board

LeRoy Barker - Anchorage

Appointed: 02/19/2003 Term Expires: 03/01/2005

Gerad G. Godfrey - Valdez

Appointed: 02/19/2003 Term Expires: 03/01/2004

The resumes and committee reports are attached for your use.

Attachments as noted

Bill Gordon
907-474-0303
3205 Riverview Drive
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

Lifelong Alaskan with extensive background in public and private sectors

Have worked in responsible positions in Alaskan government and industry. Have extensive travel to nearly every city, town and village in Alaska and have conducted business activity in foreign countries. Have experience in both regulating industry and being regulated by government agencies. Have been involved in searching for and appointing top talent to state government.

EXPERIENCE

Utility Services of Alaska (a subsidiary of FSW Inc.) Fairbanks, Alaska

Vice President and shareholder, since 1997

Operates 7 certificated water and wastewater utilities in interior Alaska. Served on EPA funded Capacity Development initiatives for State compliance to the amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996. Presently serves on the State and Federal Committee on Sustainability for Rural Alaskan Utilities

Campus Leasing Fairbanks, Alaska

Owner and operator 1978-1996

Managed a profitable Alaskan company's real estate holdings and product sales in Alaska, Japan, Guam and Korea. Sold company in 1996.

State of Alaska Juneau, Alaska

Served Governor Jay Hammond in various positions including executive assistant (chief of staff). 1974-1978

Responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Governor's offices including appointment to top state positions.

Chaired Western Governor's Policy Council 1976-1977

Anchorage School District Anchorage, Alaska

High school teacher and coach 1970-1974

Civic Service

Alcohol Beverage Control Board 1979-1982; Chairman 1980-1982

Alaska Athletic Commission 1979-1980

Policy Review Committee; Fairbanks North Star Borough School District 1992-1995

Discipline Task Force; Fairbanks North Star Borough School District 1994-1995

Vocational Education Subcommittee; North Star Borough School District 1995

Organized and served as Commissioner of Region VI high school varsity baseball 1993-1996

Volunteered, organized and chaired various political campaigns for local and statewide candidates

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts; University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, NC. Graduated 1969

Graduate studies; University of Alaska-Fairbanks

PERSONAL

Married, two children.



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<p>Judicial Selection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Vacancies • Procedures • Comment on Applicants • Judicial Application • Applicant Guidelines • Historical Selection Log • Selection Law <p>Judicial Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedures • 2000 Evaluations • 2002 Evaluations • Comment on Judges • Retention Law <p>Research/Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer Reports • All Reports • Civil Case Data Form • Child Support (CSED) <p>AJC Reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws • Membership • Law re AJC • AJC Constitutional Convention Minutes <p>National Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Judicature Society • State Justice Institute • National Center for State Courts • Federal Judiciary • American Bar Ass'n • U.S. Dept. of Justice • Brennan Center <p>Email Lists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation/ Retention • Judicial Selection • Council Reports • All the Above <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"><i>Alaska Judicial Council 1029 West Third Ave. Suite 201 Anchorage, AK 99501 907-279-2526 fax: 907-276-5046</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"><i>Updated: 02/20/03</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Judicial Council Duties</p> <p>The Alaska Judicial Council is an independent citizen's commission created by the Alaska Constitution. The Judicial Council has constitutional and statutory duties in three areas:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) to screen and nominate applicants for judicial vacancies for appointment by the governor (more);</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(2) to evaluate the performance of judges and provide evaluation information and recommendations to voters (more); and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(3) to conduct research and publish reports to improve the administration of justice in Alaska (more).</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Merit Selection</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Judicial Evaluations</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Alaska's Constitution provides for the merit selection of judges. 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Bodwell, David V. Burglin, J. John Franich, Patrick S. Hammers, Jeffrey O'Bryant, Randy M. Olsen, Karla Taylor-Welch, and Christopher E. Zimmerman. Interviews with these applicants are scheduled to be held in Fairbanks in mid March.</p> <p>Fairbanks District Court Judicial Vacancy: Six attorneys have applied to the Alaska Judicial Council for a position on the Fairbanks District Court. Interviews with these applicants are scheduled to be held in Fairbanks in mid March.</p> <p>Drug Court Report (Interim Status Report of the Alaska Criminal Justice Council): (January 2002). Report describing the progress made in carrying out the Criminal Justice Assessment Commission recommendations. Charts on effectiveness and cost/benefits of drug courts can be found in</p>
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Appendix C.

A Handbook for Victims of Crime in Alaska (April 1998, revised September 2001). Brief manual about the criminal justice process and the victim's role, rights, and resources.



A Guide to Alaska Child in Need of Aid Cases (Nov. 1999).

A Guide describing how abused, neglected, and runaway children are protected by the State of Alaska. It also offers resources to contact for more information.



Help Us Evaluate

Judges

The Judicial Council urges citizens to submit comments about how judges are doing. These comments help the Council evaluate the performance of judges and make recommendations to the voters about whether judges should be retained in office.