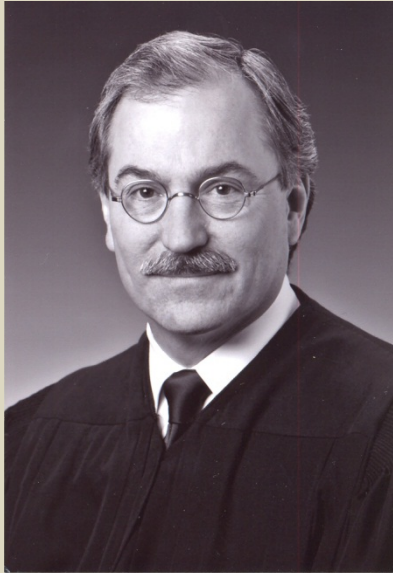


# Supreme Court Justice

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## *Craig Stowers*



**ALASKA RESIDENT SINCE:** 1977

**ALASKA COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
McKinley Park, Juneau, Anchorage

**EDUCATION:**

I majored in biology and received a bachelor's degree with honors from Blackburn College in 1975. I earned my J.D. in 1985 from the University of California School of Law at Davis. (Order of the Coif.)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

I worked for several years as a National Park Ranger at Colonial National Historical Park in Virginia. I transferred to Mount McKinley National Park (now known as Denali National Park) in Alaska in 1977, where I was the East District Naturalist and then the West District Ranger. While in law school, I was employed for two years by Professor Daniel Fessler and the Alaska Code Revision Commission to research and prepare drafts of what became the Alaska Corporations Code, the Alaska Nonprofit Corporation Act, and the official commentary to those acts. I served as a judicial law clerk for Judge Robert Boochever of the United States Court of Appeals (Ninth Circuit) in Juneau, and then as a law clerk for Justice Warren Matthews of the Alaska Supreme Court in Anchorage. Thereafter, I was an attorney and partner with Atkinson, Conway & Gagnon, and subsequently founded the Anchorage-Fairbanks law firm, Clapp, Peterson, and Stowers.

I was appointed to the Alaska Superior Court in Anchorage in 2004 by Governor Frank Murkowski, and appointed to the Alaska Supreme Court by Governor Sean Parnell in 2009. I was elected Chief Justice for a three-year term from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018.

I have served as a member on a number of committees of the Alaska Court System, the Alaska Bar Association, and various legal organizations, including among others the Alaska Bar Examiners Committee, the Civil Pattern Jury Instructions Committee, the Judicial Education Committee, and the Appellate Rules Committee. I am currently chair of the Children In Need Of Aid and Juvenile Delinquency Rules Committee, chair of the Alaska Court System Security and Emergency Preparedness Committee, and a member of the CINA Court Improvement Committee. I am also a member of the American Bar Association Judicial Division and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

I am a Uniform Law Commissioner representing Alaska on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, and serve on the Scope and Program committee and a drafting committee. I was a member of the Conference of Chief Justices, and was elected second vice-president of the Conference for the 2017-2018 term. I served as the Chair of the Alaska Judicial Council from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018.

**PUBLIC SERVICE:**

Before law school, I was a volunteer emergency medical technician and American Red Cross CPR instructor. I have served on several nonprofit corporations boards, including terms as board president of the Alaska Natural History Association (now known as Alaska Geographic) and board president of Christian Health Associates.

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

I collect and study books in the fields of theology, law, history, military history and strategy, and cooking. I have raised and worked with Akitas, sled dogs, and a motley crew of rescue cats and dogs over the years.