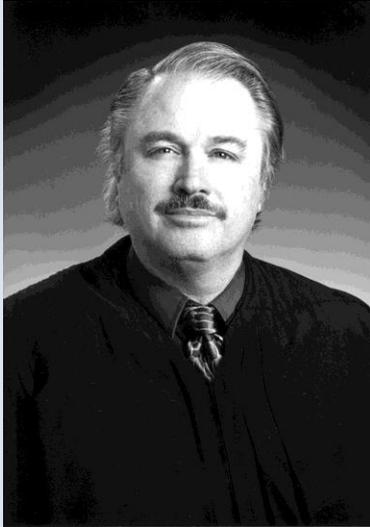


# Superior Court Judge

## Third Judicial District - Palmer

### *Gregory L. Heath*



**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 19 years

**ALASKA COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Palmer, 1993 to present

**EDUCATION:**

Madison High School, San Diego, California

University of Montana, Missoula, Montana, B.A.

History/Political Science

University of Montana School of Law, Missoula, Montana, J.D.  
with Honors

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Superior Court Judge, 2009 to present

Palmer Mental Health Court, 2003 to present

District Court Judge, 2003-2009

Palmer Assistant Public Defender, 1994-2003

Superior Court Law Clerk, 1993-1994

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Alaska Bar Association

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Family activities, church, travel, fishing, hunting.

In December of 2011, I completed my second year as a Superior Court Judge and my eighth year as a judicial officer. It has been an honor to serve the Matanuska-Susitna community and the State of Alaska. I believe it is important to maintain a fair and impartial deliberation and temperament when presiding in the courtroom. Regardless of whether a person appearing before the court is an attorney or a self-represented party, as is often the case with family law issues, I treat everyone with the same respect and consideration. I ensure that people are given the time and access to the judicial system to make the court an open environment.

I understand that the issues I deal with in Superior Court have a wide-reaching effect. My decisions as a judge have serious ramifications for parties involved and the community. Therefore I fully evaluate the issues and thoroughly research the law to ensure that I am making the correct decision. The community expects high standards from a judicial officer and I have upheld those standards the community expects.

As a Superior Court Judge I have continued my work implementing and overseeing the Palmer Coordinated Resource Project (CRP). I have been involved with the CRP since I became a District Court Judge in 2003. The CRP is a therapeutic court that handles cases with defendants who have cognitive or mental disabilities. Since my time in Superior Court I have established a new program within CRP that works with felony level defendants who meet the qualifications for CRP. Working with felony level defendants in CRP has required me to take a new approach to ensure that defendants meet their probation requirements. CRP continues to be a major success in reducing recidivism and helping to protect our community. I look forward to continuing to work with this valuable program and similarly participating in a drug and alcohol court when one is established in Palmer.