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Color of Justice at Boney Courthouse in Anchorage October 3-4, 2019 **Diverse Judges and Attorneys Encourage Youth to Pursue Legal and Judicial Careers**

Anchorage, Alaska (October 2, 2019) – On October 3-4, 2019, the Alaska Court System will host the *Color of Justice* program. Color of Justice is a law-related education program founded by the National Association of Women Judges that is designed to promote diversity in the legal profession and judiciary by encouraging diverse youth to consider careers as lawyers and judges. Nearly 80 high school students from Anchorage area high schools will attend two days of workshops and other activities presented by law professors from Gonzaga University School of Law, Seattle University School of Law, and University of Washington School of Law. The program is also supported by the Alaska Bar Association and the Anchorage School District. Anchorage area students are coming from Bartlett, East, and West high schools.

Color of Justice sessions will include “*MentorJet: A Speed Mentoring Experience*,” where students will get the chance to meet with diverse lawyers, judges, and justices, including Supreme Court Justice Susan Carney. *Mentor Jet* takes place on Thursday October 3, 2019 from 12:25–1:25PM at the Boney Courthouse 303 K Street in Anchorage. “*Constitutional Cranium*,” a quiz show on constitutional knowledge hosted by Professor Christian Halliburton with Seattle University School of Law will take place from 9:30-10:45 on Friday, October 4, 2019 at the Boney Courthouse. A *Mock Trial* with volunteer mock trial coaches will take place at the Boney Courthouse from 11:15AM – 1:10PM.

Increasing diversity on the bench is important to fostering public trust and confidence in our justice system, according to Judge Pamela Washington, chair of the Anchorage program. Color of Justice serves this goal, she says, “*by affirming for our young women and youth of color that the judiciary is a career path that is open to them.*” Members of the news media are invited to attend and cover *Color of Justice* events.

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