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Alaska Court System Announces New Administrative Director
Stacey Marz, Director of Self-Help and Language Access Services, to begin November 23

Anchorage, Alaska. November 22, 2019. The Alaska Supreme Court has appointed Stacey Marz of Anchorage as the new Administrative Director of the Alaska Court System, effective November 23, 2019. She has worked for the court system for sixteen years, dedicating her efforts to improve court operations to be more streamlined and to provide positive customer experiences. She has overseen the statewide operations of the Family Law Self-Help Center, a national model that provides direct assistance via the phone and website for people representing themselves in divorce and child custody cases to understand the court process and options for forms. Her work expanded to include self-help information for other civil and criminal case types, language access services, alternative dispute resolution programs, and access to justice initiatives. Ms. Marz has managed several complex projects that involve technology and simplified processes, helping to modernize customer service delivery and create efficiencies for the court.

She has served on several Supreme Court Committees, including Civil Rules, Family Rules, Access to Justice, and the Elder Task Force. She was integral to the creation of WINGS (Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders), an interdisciplinary stakeholder group to address guardianship issues. Ms. Marz is a fellow of the Institute for Court Management and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and her law degree from the University of Oregon.

Ms. Marz succeeds long time Administrative Director Christine Johnson, who is retiring after nearly thirty years of service to the court system, including ten as director. The Administrative Director is

responsible for supervising all court operations at 40 locations statewide, and works closely with the Alaska Supreme Court and the presiding judges and area court administrators of each of the state's four judicial districts on a wide range of administrative matters.

"We are very grateful to Christine Johnson for her many years of distinguished service to the Alaska Court System and the people of Alaska," says Chief Justice Joel Bolger of the Alaska Supreme Court, "And we are very fortunate that Stacey Marz has agreed to bring her administrative skill and years of experience to this important position."

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