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From: Aardvark LLC <architectureoffaith@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 7:15 AM
To: Chelsea Tremblay; Jeff Meucci; Assembly
Subject: Re: In re: #918 Summary of what we've lost

I asked Fred a few directed questions about what we would be losing judicially without the Superior Judgeship, and I thought I'd forward you guys his response above.

On Tue, May 10, 2022 at 5:41 PM Aardvark LLC <architectureoffaith@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: Fred Triem <triemlaw@gmail.com>
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What is lost by not having a superior court judge and instead having the only judicial officer be a magistrate?

Answer: *Everything.* Taking your examples:

- What does a superior judgeship do that a magistrate cannot? Some answers
- Divorces? *No, and no child custody or adoption proceedings, either.*
- Land disputes? *No. Only the superior court can adjudicate quiet title and land boundary disputes. Most land purchase disputes and home buying cases are filed in the superior court, above the rank of a magistrate.*
- DUI? *Some lower ranking DUI and misdemeanor cases can be tried before a magistrate. But all criminal felony cases must be tried in the superior court; not by a magistrate.*

We are losing a lot by not having a superior court judge in Wrangell-PSG-Kake. Meanwhile, Ketchikan has three (3!) full judges (two superior court plus one district court) and it also has a magistrate for a total of four (4) judicial officers. But WRG + PSG + Kake have only one shared magistrate for the entire area.

Please share with Jeff and Chelsea & Co. FWT

On 5/10/2022 4:41 PM, Aardvark LLC wrote: