

# Dennis L. DeWitt



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## Employment History

January 2019 Retired from lobbying

January 2007 through 2018

### **DeWitt & DeWitt, LLC**

The firm provides government relations consulting for clients before the Alaska State Legislature and Administration. I returned to full time status as the principal in the firm and was a registered lobbyist. Clients included the National Federation of Independent Business, AAA Alaska, Realtors and Auto Association. In 2010 DeWitt also associated with Legislative Consultants in Alaska. I staffed First Things First Alaska Foundation, a local nonprofit that works on economic development issues. Also provide contract services in the tourism industry.

2002 to January 2007

### **Special Staff Assistant to Governor Murkowski and Governor Palin**

- Liaison between Governor's office and the Departments of Administration, Health and Social Services, Education and Early Development, Law, and Revenue, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, Division of Veterans Affairs and the Military Youth Academy including:
  - Development of policy regarding departments
  - Assisting with legislation concerning departments
  - Staffing Governor on issues relating to departments
- Responding to constituent issues
- Representing the Administration in public forums

1995 - 2002

### **Chief-of Staff for Representative Eldon Mulder**

- Responsible for office operations
- Staff leader for House Finance Committee operating budget activities
- Lead staff on Representative's personal and committee legislation
- Staff for interim committees chaired by Representative

1993 – 1995

**Partner DeWitt & DeWitt, Juneau, Alaska**

- Assisted clients in governmental relations and grass roots lobbying at state and federal level, community relations, research projects, health care consulting, and campaign management at local, legislative and statewide levels.

1993 - 1994

**Executive Director, Bartlett Regional Hospital Foundation**

- Fundraising and management of nonprofit foundation

1992 – 1993

**Director, Division of Pioneer Benefits**, State of Alaska, Juneau

- Management and operation of 6 Pioneer Homes, the Alaska Longevity Bonus Program and Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board.
- Lead innovation of Assisted Living Program
- Budget preparation, contracting, direct management of central office staff and home administrators
- Developed charitable foundations for each Home

1988 – 1992

**Managing Consultant**, A. Foster Higgins, Los Angeles, CA

- Member national practice staff in retiree health care
- Consultant to major corporations on employer-based health care benefits
- Consultant to US Senator Wilson on long-term care issues

1986-1988

**Director, Office of Public Liaison**, Health Care Financing Administration (now CMS), US Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC

- Responsible for interface with external interest groups
- Supervised Divisions of Beneficiary Services, Professional and Business Affairs, and Intergovernmental Relations
- Functioned as Acting Associate Administrator for Communications

**Confidential Assistant to the Administrator and Executive Director**, Task Force on Long-Term Health Care Policies, Health Care Financing Administration, US

Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC

- Provided staff direction and support for Congressional Chartered task force. Responsible for congressional liaison, development and publishing of major report on long-term care insurance.

1980 – 1986

**President and CEO**, Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association, Juneau, Alaska

- Executive officer of trade association, including publishing monthly newsletter, working with board in development and implementation of policy.
- Government relations at local, state and federal levels
- Interface with several national and regional associations
- Developed political action committee

## **Education**

Bachelor of Arts

California State University, Sacramento

- Major – State and Local Government
- Minor – Economics
- Member Blue Key National Honor Fraternity

## **Community Activities**

Rotary Club of Juneau, Paul Harris Fellow

Bartlett Regional Hospital Foundation Volunteer Service Award

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Juneau Chamber of Commerce

Host parent for Rotary Exchange Student

Puppy Raiser, Canine Companions for Independence

Boy Scout Leader, Soccer Coach, Church Youth Leader

## **References**

Upon Request