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**Subject:** "No" on Taylor for AK AG and HB 109 AK Bar Assn. Probation  
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Dear Alaska Senate Judiciary:

I have sent lengthy documents primarily to Alaska House and Senate Judiciaries but other AK Legislators as well.

Below are two issues:

**Please vote "NO" on the confirmation of Mr. Tregarrick Taylor as Alaska Attorney General.**

Alaska Bar Assn. is an integrated Bar Assn. which means all practicing Alaska attorneys are dues paying members. Mr. Taylor is a member, Alaska Bar Assn.

Below are the reasons for voting "No" on confirmation of Mr. Taylor:

- 1.) His lack of respect for the public offices of Alaska House Judiciary Committee members by leaving their meeting early during his confirmation 3-19-21. What could have been more important than his own confirmation hearing unless one of his family members had died in an accident? Who does he think he is?
- 2.) Mr. Taylor's continual statement: "Good people do bad things" to AK State House Judiciary Committee. That was ridiculous. If he becomes Alaska Attorney General will anyone on his staff of 300 Alaska attorneys be allowed to do anything they want without repercussions?
- 3.) The fact that Mr. Kevin Clarkson resigned as AK Attorney General 8-26-20, Mr. Ed (Clyde) Sniffen withdrew as nominee for AK Attorney General 1-31-21, and Mr. Ethan Berkowitz resigned as Anchorage Mayor 10-12-20, all having grave sexual abuse scandals. None have been disciplined in any way by Alaska Bar Assn.
- 4.) Just released by Mr. Dermot Cole 3-23-21 a letter dated 7-31-20 signed by Mr. Ben Stevens, then Governor Dunleavy's Chief of Staff, written to later disgraced AK Attorney General Designee Ed Sniffen, giving Mr. Sniffen signature authority for Mr. Clarkson or "full authority granted to the position of the Attorney General." Mr. Stevens did not have the authority to appoint Mr. Sniffen; only his then supervisor, Mr. Clarkson, had that authority. The letter was copied to Mr. Taylor so he was a party to it.
- 4.) Mr. Taylor's statements that he is going to possibly monitor Mr. Ben Stevens about Alaska State Ethics Act, Alaska Statute A.S. 39.52.180 "Restrictions on employment after leaving state service"

(a) A public officer who leaves state service may not, for two years after leaving state service, represent, advise, or assist a person for compensation regarding a matter that was under consideration by the administrative unit served by that public officer, and in which the officer participated personally and substantially through the exercise of official action. For the purposes of this subsection, "matter" includes a case, proceeding, application, contract, determination, proposal or consideration of a legislative bill, a resolution, a constitutional amendment, or other legislative measure, or proposal, consideration, or adoption of an administrative regulation"

Mr. Stevens, former Chief of Staff for Governor Dunleavy, has not signed an agreement as required by Alaska Statute when he left Alaska State service to work in "government relations" for Conoco-Phillips starting 3-1-21.

5.) Excellent "Public Testimony" of Mr. Barry Jackson, 30 years employee of AK Dept of Administration at AK House Judiciary 3-19-21 regarding Mr. Taylor's actions at AIDEA regarding a no bind contract for \$441,000 for Mr. Clark Penney.

6.) Today, 3-24-21 "Press Release" by Governor Dunleavy stating "Alaska Attorney General Treg Taylor" as though Mr. Taylor has already been confirmed by Alaska Legislature. This lapse is an insult to your public office. Mr. Taylor is Alaska Attorney General Designee. He has not been confirmed.

7.) No clear direction by Mr. Taylor as to how much Alaska Attorney General is going to spend on "Outside Counsel" which sounds like a "black hole." Alaska Attorney General's Office has over 300 attorneys. Why does an unlimited amount of money have to be spent on Outside Counsel who bill astronomically? Presumably, Alaska Legislature has \$20,000 limit on paying "Outside Counsel." It has been reported that in the Janus lawsuit over \$600,000 has already been expended. There are other cases that Alaska is paying Outside Counsel. Please ask for a full report.

**HB 109 "An Act extending the termination of the Board of Governors of Alaska Bar Assn." giving an eight year extension.** This HB 109 was introduced by Mr. Claman, Chair, AK House Judiciary 2/22/21.

**I request that you put Alaska Bar Assn. on probation for one year and ask for a thorough Audit of their activities.**

Alaska Bar Assn. has two functions:

1.) Alaska law licensure- My husband, Thomas S. Obermeyer, Attorney has dedicatedly attempted to be licensed to practice law in Alaska for 37 years without a positive result. We know many ABA Accredited law school graduates who have not "passed Alaska Bar Exam." We question the validity of this Exam and ask why the passage rate is so low. Tom who has been licensed since 1990 by similar Missouri Bar Exam, should have been licensed by reciprocity many years ago but has been denied admission for 37 years.

2.) Alaska Bar Discipline- The fact that recently Mr. Kevin Clarkson resigned, Mr. Ed Sniffen, and Mr. Ethan Berkowitz 10-12-20 have not been disciplined in any way is a clear message that Alaska Bar Assn. cannot discipline its own members. I am willing to submit a list of a total of 31 very thorough complaints. I have filed against Alaska Bar members over a long period of time that went nowhere. In fact, I believe today that my treatment was worse because I filed these Alaska Bar complaints. I believe they were used against me so that my treatment was worse.

Alaska Bar Assn. fails on both Alaska law licensure and Alaska Bar discipline.

The only proper course is to put Alaska Bar Assn. on probation for one year until you can thoroughly review their practices.

Sincerely,

Theresa Nangle Obermeyer, Ph.D.



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[Colberg, Talis Elected AG 12-12 Bar Rag.pdf](#)  
[ADN Elect AG Mitchell 11-10-19.docx](#)

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Dear Alaska Senate Judiciary Committee:

The position of appointed Alaska Attorney General is an impossible job in the State of Alaska.

Below are three writings that might be helpful to you in your deliberations about the confirmation of Mr. Tregarrick Taylor as Alaska Attorney General including:

- 1.) Thomas S. Obermeyer, MO Atty. "DRAFT Bill Election of Alaska Attorney General and Appointment by the Governor of General Counsel" 2014
- 2.) Talis Colberg, Former AK AG "Election of an Attorney General," Alaska Bar Rag October-Dec. 2012 Page 3;
- 3.) Don Mitchell, Attorney, Anchorage Daily News Column "Time to Elect Alaska's Attorney General?" 11-10-19

Please let Tom or me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Theresa Nangle Obermeyer, Ph.D.

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We urge you to not approve of Treg Taylor as Attorney General. He seems to have some questionable ethics. Most prominent is the failure to require a public interest waiver for Ben Stevens. Stevens is expected to self-report to the AG's office anytime he thinks he has a conflict of interest. It is an attempt to ignore state law. Given the fact that Stevens was a member of the CBC a few years back and always refused to tell how he earned the money he took from Veco for consulting (Bribe), it is questionable if he has turned over a new leaf and is an upstanding citizen worthy of our trust. Taylor has joined with Gov. Dunleavy to promote the idea that they do not have to follow the law and that Stevens will do the responsible thing. This alone should disqualify Treg Taylor from being approved for Attorney General.

Don and Phyllis Witzel

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Respectfully to Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

At this time I do not support Mr. Taylor's confirmation. There at least 2 issues that concern me. 1. Knowing that AG Clarkson was under covert disciplinary action. 2. Stating that Ben Stevens would be able to self report any conflict of interest, rather follow AK ethics laws.

Both of these actions deal with unlawful acts and Mr Taylor is part of them. AK requires its top law enforcement person to obey all laws.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
Mary Corcoran  
Delta Junction AK

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