

JOAN M. WILSON

Chief Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings

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Employment History

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (OAH)

Chief Administrative Law Judge - Anchorage

September 2024 to Present

Appointed Chief Administrative Law Judge by Governor Mike Dunleavy. Legislative Confirmation Pending. Responsibilities set forth in statute at AS 44.64.020 to include:

- Hiring and supervision of administrative law judges
- Establishing and implementing performance standards and peer review for administrative law judges
- Monitor the quality of administrative hearings held by the office
- Provide for the delivery of high-quality adjudication services in a timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner
- Guarantee protection of all parties' due process rights
- Protect the integrity of the process of administrative adjudications and decisional independence of administrative adjudicators

ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA CONTROL OFFICE (AMCO)

Director – Anchorage

May 2022 to September 2024

Appointed AMCO Director by Governor Mike Dunleavy. Responsibilities set forth in statute at AS 04.06.070 and AS 17.38.080 to include

- Service as executive officer of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and Marijuana Control Board
- Enforcement of AS 04.06 and AS 17.38 and their implementing regulations
- Preparation and submission to the boards of annual budgets for the administration, enforcement, education, training, and prevention activities set forth under AS 04.06. and AS 17.38

Oversaw implementation of Title 4 Rewrite during my tenure, recipient of 2023 Hero of Hospitality Award – Alaska CHARR

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LAW, CIVIL DIVISION
Senior Assistant Attorney General – Anchorage
Commercial, Fair Business, and Child Support Section
January 2016 to May 2022

Advised the Alcohol Marijuana & Control Office, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture. Special Assignment to the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Responsibilities included:

- Representing AMCO before the Office of Administrative Hearings and the Superior Court of Alaska on licensing matters
- Advising the Alcohol and Marijuana Boards on all matters regarding the regulation of both industries
- Counsel to the Board of Agriculture and Conservation regarding administration and conveyance of agricultural revolving loan funds
- Regularly advise all clients on legislative bills and regulation projects
- Regularly advise to all clients on the Open Meetings Act and requests for public records
- Successfully prosecuting *State of Alaska v. Seth Lookhart* (“hoverboard dentist”) for reckless endangerment and \$2.1 million in Medicaid fraud and permanently revoking dental license in administrative procedure and superior court appeal

Recipient of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General 2021 Award for Award for Excellence in Promoting Quality, Safety, and Value

ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM
Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer
September 2014 to May 2016

Under direct report to Chief Executive Officer and dotted line authority to Board of Directors, tasked to establish and maintain an effective ethics and compliance program as required by Federal Sentencing Guidelines and other applicable law.

- Provided daily leadership, advice, consultation, and guidance on ethical and compliance issues for consortium averaging \$750,000,000 in annual revenues
- Supervised and oversaw development of compliance staff to build and maintain positive relationships with executive leadership and other strategic partners
- Recommended corrective and other actions to promote ethical culture, decisions and behavior; ensure effective implementation of ethics and compliance function; and to mitigate regulatory risk
- Developed and maintained a compliance work plan to address identified priorities, facilitate timely integration of new requirements and standards into policies, procedures and processes, and address ongoing compliance educational needs of workforce
- Provided regular reports and presentations to the Board of Directors and executive leadership to convey relevant and timely information about ethics and compliance activities, trends, and the status of significant investigations and corrective action plans.

SONOSKY CHAMBERS SACHSE MILLER & MUNSON LLP

Of Counsel - Anchorage

January 2011 to September 2014

Engaged in diverse civil practice primarily representing Alaska Tribes, tribal health care organizations, and village corporations and their subsidiaries on a variety of matters, including compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, the Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act, the Indian Reservation Roads Program, construction and insurance law, CEO contracting, and regulatory compliance. Health care practice primarily focused upon HIPAA and HITECH, fraud and abuse, grant conditions, and compliance with applicable state law. Representative matters include intervention in CINA proceedings and appeals of license denials and audit findings. Left firm to serve as client's Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer.

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LAW, CRIMINAL DIVISION

Assistant District Attorney – Anchorage

Violent Crimes Unit

July 2008 to January 2011

Prosecuted violent crimes cases, including felony level domestic violence and DUI assaults. Responsible for juvenile justice caseload in the Municipality of Anchorage, including felony and misdemeanor level crimes. Prosecutor for approximately twenty jury or bench trials.

- Published Decision, *B.F.L. v. State*, 233 P.3d 1118 (Alaska Ct. App. 2010)

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LAW, CIVIL DIVISION
Assistant Attorney General – Anchorage
Transportation and Commercial/Fair Business Sections
October 2004 to July 2008

Advised the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and additional state agencies engaging in construction or procurement activities, including Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Department of Administration, and Department of Natural Resources. Representative matters include:

- Drafting and negotiation on behalf of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and Department of Administration of the Design/Build Agreement and Municipal Partnership Agreement for construction of the eight-story Linny Pacillo Parking Garage in Anchorage
- Drafting and negotiation of the Department of Natural Resources' acquisition of the old Valley Hospital in Palmer
- *Alaska Housing Finance Corporation v. Christensen Builders, et al.* (lead counsel for AHFC on a windows-defect claim)
- Representing Department of Transportation and Public Facilities on numerous construction claims, including the Swanson General Hightower claim and the Wilder Construction Kenai River Bridge claim
- Representing Department of Transportation and Public Facilities in numerous eminent domain proceedings
- Training of Construction Division project engineers and staff on proper documentation, claims avoidance, and litigation preparation

Advised the Department of Health and Social Services on HIPAA compliance and other transactional and governance matters. Representative matters include:

- Authoring HIPAA privacy policies and procedures for state government
- Conducting HIPAA preemption analysis
- Advising the Division of Behavioral Health on HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2 compliance
- Reviewing state legislation raising medical privacy concerns

DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE LLP

Associate – Anchorage

Civil Litigation and Health Care Practices

September 1998 to October 2004

Engaged in diverse civil litigation practice that involved fields of commercial law, education law, employment law, disability law, environmental law, health care law, and fraud and abuse compliance. Representative cases include:

- *AT&T Corporation and Alascom, Inc. v. CenturyTel of the Northwest* (representation of plaintiffs in dispute regarding environmental representations and SPCC compliance in stock purchase agreement)
- *Digital Health Exchange v. AT&T Corporation* (representation of defendants in dispute regarding set-up of telemedicine network)
- *K&K Recycling v. Federal Coach, et al.* (representation of defendants in products liability and breach of warranty case)
- *Prudence v. Alaska Railroad Corporation* (representation of defendant in disparate treatment and impact age-discrimination case)
- *Mohon v. Anchorage Daily News* (representation of defendant in wrongful termination case)
- *United States v. Klepinger* (representation of defendant in 56-count criminal indictment involving claims of fraud and abuse and mail fraud)

Engaged in diverse health care practice representing variety of small and large health care providers on matters including HIPAA compliance, peer review, corporate governance, IRB governance, and Medicare fraud and abuse compliance.

Prior Legal Experience

Law Clerk for the Honorable H. Russel Holland – United States District Court for the District of Alaska, 1996-1998

Education

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, ANCHORAGE

Master of Fine Arts, Creative Writing and the Literary Arts, 2011

Winner, Jason Wenger Award for Literary Excellence

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW OF LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE Juris
Doctorate, 1996

Graduated *magna cum laude*, Law Review, Business Law Round Table Scholar

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program

Former Candidate of Doctorate in Philosophy, 1988 - 1990

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1986

Dean's List, Graduated with Honors, Illinois State Scholar,

Senior Honors Thesis on ANCSA implementation

Publications and Presentations

Contributing Author, Cannabis Law Desk book (Thomson Reuters 2022 – 2024)

Alaska Bar Association, The Legal Landscape for Alaska's Alcoholic Beverage and
Marijuana Licensees: The Top Challenges for 2023 (Alaska Bar Convention Presentation
September 2023)

The Book of Timothy: The Devil, My Brother and Me (A Memoir) (Red Hen Press
2021)

Alaska Bar Association, The Carrots and Sticks of Medicare Participation: From
Meaningful Use to Fraud and Abuse (December 2011)

Alaska Bar Association, The Affordable Care Act and Its Impact on Employers
(December 2010)

DARE Conference, Juvenile Justice 101 (February 2009)

Frequent speeches on HIPAA and other statutes governing the confidentiality of
medical records

Co-author, Alaska Employment Law Desk book (2004)

Memberships and Associations

Bear Valley Community Association – Board Secretary (Current)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Parishioner, Catholics Returning Home Ministry (Current)

Alaska Bar Association – Founder, Prior Chair, and Current Member of the Executive Committee of the Health Law Section

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP – Former Co-Chair of the Pro Bono and Public Service Committee

Personal

Devoted Wife to Richard and Mother to Abigail

Bear Valley Resident (Twenty years)

Committed to Physical Health -- Ironman Canada Competitor
and Frequent Marathon Runner, Seven Year Member --
Orangetheory Fitness

Volunteer Alaska State Rescue Coordinator, Vizsla Club of
America

Avid Reader and Writer

Avid Chicago Cubs fan