

November 23, 2011

via email for AkBA website

Re: Alaska Judicial Conduct Commission -Bob Groseclose's Candidate statement

Dear Colleague:

I have submitted my name to serve as an attorney member on the Alaska Judicial Conduct Commission. That commission consists of nine members, three drawn from the state judiciary, three from the private bar, and three lay members. Attorney members must meet four requirements: 1) Have practiced law in Alaska for 10 years; 2) be nominated by the board of governors; 3) be appointed by the governor from nominations made by the board of governors; and 4) be confirmed by a majority of the legislature in joint session. I seek your vote to bring about the second requirement. The term is for four years, and would be for the vacancy following Peter Aschenbrenner's service ending this coming March. Thanks to Peter for his past service.

I have been actively practicing law in Alaska since 1976. Over the span of the past 35 years, I have tried cases in both federal and state court. I served on the Alaska Judicial Council from 2000 to 2006. I have served on various Alaska Bar Association committees, including the Civil Rules, Grievance, and Fee Arbitration panels. I am married to Barbara Schuhmann. We have two adult daughters. I am a shareholder with the law firm of Cook Schuhmann & Groseclose, Inc., where my practice over the recent past has focused upon general litigation, employment law, business law, probate and estate work. I have served in the past as a scoutmaster, a school board member, climbing club officer, local bar president, and estate planning council president. I am presently serving as the 2011 United Way Tanana Valley Campaign Co-Chair.

Bottom line: Alaska's judiciary is among the best in the country. That is not by accident. It is by constitutional and statutory design. It is by careful nurturing and administration. The Alaska Judicial Conduct Commission is a key player in that process. I believe I have the background and good judgment to serve the commission and to help further its statutory function.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Robert B. Groseclose