

# Alaska State Legislature

## Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

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Chief Justice Fabe:

RE: Public Member Nominations to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics for 2013

Under AS 24.60.130(b)(3) the five public members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics are appointed by the Chief Justice and ratified by two thirds of the full membership of each house of the legislature. Three public members' terms will expire in 2013; Gary J. Turner, Conner Thomas, and Antoinette "Toni" Mallott.

Attached is a listing of current Committee members with contact information. The affiliation, location and occupation of the current public members are as follows:

Democrat: H. Conner Thomas, Attorney from Nome; and  
Antoinette "Toni" Mallott, Retired from Juneau.

Non-Partisan: Dennis "Skip" Cook, Attorney from Fairbanks; and  
Herman G. Walker Jr, Attorney/Business Owner from Anchorage.

Republican: Gary J. Turner, Director Kenai Peninsula College from Soldotna.

- Mr. Turner has expressed an interest in serving another term on the committee. He has served since 2006.
- Ms. Mallott has expressed an interest in serving another term on the committee. She has served since 2010.
- Mr. Thomas does not wish to be considered for another term. He has served since 1999.

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With the passage of Senate Bill 89 this year, one alternate public member will be added to the committee. The alternate public member's qualification and selection process is similar to that of the regular public members. AS 24.60.130(c) and (m) set out the requirements and prohibitions for regular and alternate public members (see attached). Interested individuals are instructed to send a resume and letter of interest to your attention.<sup>1</sup>

Therefore, for 2013, four names will need to be submitted to the Senate President and House Speaker for consideration. Please designate which nominee will be the alternate public member on the committee.

The nomination of public members can take place either prior to the beginning of the legislative session or after. The committee's preference would be for public member nominations to be made after the beginning of the 2013 regular legislative session, which begins on January 15, 2013, for the purpose of maintaining a quorum of the committee. If the nomination is made prior to the beginning of session and for some reason the successor(s) are not ratified within the first 30 days of the session, the committee members whose term expire are no longer on the committee. A letter dated January 16, 2013 or later would be the committee's preference.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 269-0150 or my cell at 748-6387. Chair Herman G. Walker, Jr. can be reached at 907-279-2899.

Sincerely,



Joyce Anderson, Administrator

- enc.    -    AS 24.60.130 and AS 24.60.131  
          -    Committee members contact info  
          -    Website page on Appointments and Vacancies  
          -    Resumes

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<sup>1</sup> The committee recognized there was no formal process for announcing public member vacancies on the ethics committee. The ethics website now contains a section titled "Public Member Appointments and Vacancies" (<http://ethics.legis.state.ak.us>) detailing the process for public member appointments. Interested individuals are instructed to send a resume and letter of interest to your attention. On November 1 a public notice is sent to all twenty-two Legislative Information Offices throughout the state for posting. Individual legislators are sent the notice to post in their office if they so choose and/or include in their constituent newsletters or forward to others. A copy of the notice is enclosed.

## **Joyce Anderson**

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**From:** Joyce Anderson  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 11:35 AM  
**To:** 'danthony@appellate.courts.state.ak.us'  
**Subject:** Legislative Ethics Committee Appointments  
**Attachments:** R - Thomas, Conner09.docx

Denise:

Per our conversation this morning, I am notifying Chief Justice Dana Fabe that H. Conner Thomas has reconsidered his decision to not have his name submitted for consideration for another term on the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics. He has decided to submit his name for another term on the committee. Attached is Mr. Thomas's resume.

I am available to answer any questions Chief Justice Fabe may have about the Committee, the legislative confirmation process and the addition of an alternate public member.

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