

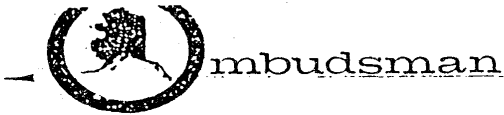
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DISCLOSURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH:

- AS 24.60.070 INTERESTS BETWEEN PUBLIC
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- AS 24.60.100 REPRESENTATION
- AS 24.60.110 ACTION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 16, 1984

TO: Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

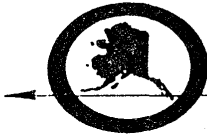
THRU: John B. Chenoweth, Ombudsman
Duncan C. Fowler, Ombudsman Regional Representative

FROM: Bruce Aronson, Ombudsman Assistant

In accordance with AS 24.60.070, I hereby report what may constitute a . . . "close economic association involving a substantial financial matter" . . . Specifically, during the early part of 1979 and while I was employed with the City of Petersburg, John B. Chenoweth, then employed with the Legislative Affairs Agency, myself, and others, purchased Lot 69, Hana Agricultural Park #2, Kaeleku Kauamanu, Maui, Hawaii. The ownership of the real estate has been maintained to this date.

As background information, my employment with the Office of the Ombudsman started during April, 1980 at which time I was appointed as an ombudsman assistant by Frank Flavin, then Ombudsman. From that point to the present, my employment responsibilities have remained constant, and I have not been promoted to any higher position. My immediate supervisor from April, 1980 to date, has been and is Duncan C. Fowler, Ombudsman Regional Representative. Mr. Fowler's responsibilities include day to day supervision of me, as well as preparation of performance evaluations and recommendations for changes in pay, such as merit increases.

It is noted, John B. Chenoweth was appointed Ombudsman beginning July, 1981, approximately two and one-half years after the real estate was purchased. Further Mr. Chenoweth reviews and approves all employee performance evaluations, rates of pay, and promotions.



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John B. Chenoweth

January 2, 1986

Representative M. Mike Miller, Chair
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
Post Office Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811-3100

Dear Representative Miller:

This letter is offered to meet disclosure requirements imposed upon members of the Ombudsman's office under AS 24.60. The report is intended to cover calendar year 1985.

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In an August 13, 1984, memorandum to legislative agency directors, the Select Committee reported its classification of state loans under AS 24.60.050. The memorandum noted our duty to report loans classified as so-called "class (d)" loans" under that classification.

In mid-November, 1985, I again circulated the information in that memorandum to staff who are covered by AS 24.60. I find I am the only person who may be required to disclose information under AS 24.60.050:

The committee should know that in 1976 I acquired and hold a bond issued by the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority (1976 Series A revenue bond in the face amount of \$5,000; issued: June, 1976; due date: June, 1988). Since my term began in July, 1981, this office has not received a complaint against the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority, the issuer of the bond.

No others employed in the office on January 1, 1986, who are covered by the provisions of AS 24.60.050 and who draw salary at a range 18, step A or higher held or submitted applications for "class (d)" obligations during calendar year 1985.

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In an April 13, 1984, opinion construing 2d CCS SB 257 (enacted as Ch. 36, SLA 1984), Billy Berrier, the director of the Legislative Affairs Agency's Legal Services Division, concluded that provisions of the bill establishing the Select Committee and defining standards of conduct for members of the legislature and legislative branch employees would apply to employees of the office of the ombudsman.

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Representative Mike Miller

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January 2, 1986

As required by the ethics legislation, one disclosure is submitted to the committee for its attention. Pursuant to AS 24.60.070(1), the committee is advised that there exists a "close economic association involving a substantial financial matter" between a member of my staff, Ombudsman Assistant Bruce C. Aronson, and me. As Mr. Aronson's enclosed statement notes, the economic association was entered into before he was appointed by my predecessor to serve as an ombudsman assistant and before the effective date of my own appointment to this position in July, 1981.

The disclosure is made because, under the law, I have authority to review and approve or reject Mr. Aronson's performance evaluations and have in fact approved merit increases for him. Since July, 1981, I have exercised this authority indirectly, relying on the advice and recommendation of Mr. Aronson's principal supervisor, the regional representative for the Juneau office. The record should note that, during my four and one-half years of service as ombudsman, I have approved merit increases for Mr. Aronson at regular intervals. Each approval followed my review of the recommendation offered by Mr. Aronson's supervisor following the supervisor's completion of performance evaluations.

In accordance with AS 39.50, members of my staff (except employees in clerical positions) and I annually file a public disclosure of our various financial interests with the Alaska Public Offices Commission. The property interest that underpins the close economic association between Mr. Aronson and me has also been made a part of those annual filings.

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Please advise if additional information is desired.

Sincerely,

John B. Chenoweth
Ombudsman

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Enclosure

cc: Representative Furnace
Representative Pourchot
Judge Stewart