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DATE: February 12, 1988
TO: Judiciary Committee Members
FROM: Senator Jay Kerttula *Jay*
RE: Confirmation of Governor's Appointees

Attached are copies of the resumes and names of people the Governor has submitted as appointees to the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar and to the Judicial Council. We will schedule a hearing in March on these people.



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Alaska State Legislature

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February 9, 1988

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Kerttula, Chairman
Judiciary Committee

FROM: Nancy Quinto
Secretary of the Senate

RE: Confirmation of Governor's Appointees

Pursuant to AS 39.05.080, President Faiks has referred the position noted to your committee for a hearing, recommendation and report:

Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar

Stringer, Sandra S. - Fairbanks

Term began 5/22/87 expires 6/30/89

Williams, Jr., Lew M. - Ketchikan

Original term began 6/30/82, reappointed 6/1/87
expires 6/30/90

Judicial Council

Okakok, Leona K. - Barrow

Term began 7/31/87 expires 5/18/93

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Sheila Gottehrer
Director
Boards and Commissions
P. O. Box A
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Ms. Gottehrer,

Please accept this letter as an expression of my interest in being considered for appointment to the position of citizen member (non-attorney) of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association.

I have been interested in the Bar Association for some time. In the spring of 1980 I was working in Juneau, employed as the aide to the House Judiciary Committee chaired by Fairbanks representative Charlie Parr. At that time the committee was conducting sunset review of the Bar Association. Day after day, listening to the committee members question and debate, I became aware of the influence of attorneys in our society as a whole, and in Alaska in particular. It struck me that the law, and therefore attorneys, touched almost every aspect of our public and private lives. It further struck me that the responsibility of the Bar Association to set and uphold standards of performance for its membership was an especially important reason for the associations existence. If I am appointed to the Board of Governors I would expect to assist in helping carry out that responsibility.

As a citizen member of the Board of Governors I feel I could offer something of a grassroots perspective to the groups deliberations. Alaska has been my home for many years. I have lived primarily in the Fairbanks area, but also have spent parts of two years in Juneau and have travelled and worked in Western Alaska, in the Interior and in the Homer area. As a result of this mobility over the years I feel I have some understanding of the differences of life styles and community concerns in several areas of the state. I think this perspective is important in a member of any group with statewide jurisdiction.

I came to Alaska as an eighteen year old, looking for a year or two of adventure in the North before moving on to other places and other things. That was twenty-five years ago. In the intervening years I have been a student and graduate student at the University of Alaska, studying linguistics and anthropology. I have taught for the Upward Bound program, worked three sessions for the Alaska legislature and been co-owner of a small consulting business. I have married, and with my husband bought and cleared land and had the educational experience of personally designing and building

two small houses, one for sale and one to make our home. I live in a semi-rural area near Fairbanks and appreciate the peace and freedom life in our state can still offer its citizens. I think that is also an important perspective to bring to any statewide body.

Over the years I have been active in many community groups. Most recently these have included the University of Alaska Alumni Association, the Tanana Valley Fair Association, the League of Women Voters and the newly formed public radio support group, the Friends of KUAC. In past years I have been active in the Democratic party, and have occasionally contributed enthusiasm, work and (small amounts of) money to both partisan and non-partisan political campaigns.

Several years ago I served as the League of Women Voters member on the statewide committee established by Lt. Governor Terry Miller to draft and submit to the legislature a revision of the state election code. That draft revision of title 15 was accepted by the legislature substantially as submitted and is now state law. That experience taught me a great deal about the technical skill and patience attorneys who work at writing law in conjunction with non-attorneys must possess. I think it provided me with another insight into the legal community that would prove useful as a member of the Board of Governors.

In 1982 I was elected to the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly. I was reelected three years later, and am now serving my fifth year as a member of that body. The North Star Borough encompasses the cities of Fairbanks and North Pole and several smaller, unincorporated settlements, plus a large rural area. The population is about 75,000. The Assembly is the policy making body for any public policy issues within the borough. Since my election to the Assembly I have served as its presiding officer for one year, and for two years as chairman of its legislative committee. Both positions have involved close work with the borough staff attorneys, and another opportunity to observe various aspects of the performance of numerous legal duties.

In summary, I am very interested in serving as the citizen member of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association, and think I might be well qualified to do so. If I am appointed I would have the interest to attend and participate in all the meetings, and to do whatever study or background work that might be necessary to enable me to competently participate in the groups deliberations. I am aware of the oversight function of the group, and feel that function is crucial to the policing of the performance of attorneys in our state. If appointed I would work hard at becoming an informed and fully participating member of the group.

If you would like me to provide any further information, please feel free to contact me at the address or phone number listed below.

Sincerely,

Sandra S. Stringer

Sandra S. Stringer
Box 81088, Fairbanks, Alaska 99708
479-6606 (message/home)
456-7482 (message/borough)

LLEWELLYN (LEW) WILLIAMS, JR., ^{from '82 app T.} ~~\$6,~~ is publisher and part owner of the Ketchikan Daily News. His wife, Dorothy, who came to Alaska 28 years ago as a school teacher, is co-publisher, business manager and the other owner of the newspaper.

Prior to moving to Ketchikan in 1966, the Williams owned and operated the Petersburg Press for ten years. During their time in Petersburg, Williams served five years as mayor. They were the first newspaper owners in Alaska to convert their publication to the offset form of printing. All Alaska newspapers now are produced by offset.

Before buying the Petersburg paper, the Williams lived in Wrangell where Williams ran the Wrangell Sentinel for his parents while his father served as secretary of Alaska. Williams also served on the school board in Wrangell.

Three of Alaska's four governors since statehood have appointed Williams to state boards. Gov. William Egan appointed him to the Alaska Judicial Council on which he served four years. Gov. Walter Hickel appointed him chairman of the Jones Act Relief Task Force. Gov. Jay Hammond appointed him to the Governor's Commission on the Administration of Justice, on which he still serves. And Lt. Gov. Terry Miller appointed him to serve on the Alaska lands Blue Ribbon Task Force.

Williams was one of the organizers of the Southeastern Conference and its first secretary. It is an organization of Southeast Alaska communities and chambers of commerce. He was an organizer of the Alaska Publishers' Association in 1963 and of the new Alaska Newspaper Association in 1980.

The Ketchikan Daily News has won over two dozen professional awards since the Williams became sole owners in 1976, including awards for editorials written by Williams, The National Newspaper

Foundation has designated the Ketchikan Daily News as a National Blue Ribbon Newspaper.

Williams has served on numerous civic committees in Wrangell, Petersburg and Ketchikan. He was a volunteer fireman in Wrangell and Petersburg and served as secretary of the Petersburg advisory committee to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. He is holder of the Silver Beaver award for his work with the Boy Scouts of America. He is a past officer of the Elks lodge, the American Legion, Rotary, the chambers of commerce in Wrangell, Petersburg and Ketchikan and the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce.

Two of the Williams three children are reporters for newspapers in Washington state. The other is a computer operator for a printing and office supply firm in Missouri.

Williams was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree by the University of Alaska, Juneau in 1981.

PROGRAM III: MARCH 15, 1981

Optional add:

Williams was born in Spokane, Wash. He began his newspaper career in 1936 as a paper carrier for the Juneau Empire. He attended schools in Tacoma, Juneau and Wrangell, graduating from Wrangell High School in 1942. He attended prep school in Washington, D.C., then served three years in the U.S. Army in World War II. He was discharged honorably as a sergeant in the parachute troops.

Except for a year at business college in Berkeley, California in 1950, he has been active in the newspaper business in Alaska since World War II. In addition to newspaper activities in Wrangell, Petersburg and Ketchikan, Williams ran the Alaska Sunday Press in Juneau for its owners for six months and he and his wife owned the Sitka Sentinel for four years.

7/16/87

RESUME

LEONA KISAUTAQ OKAKOK

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 April 1944
NEE: Leona Kisautaq Mayak Simmonds
CURRENT ADDRESS: P.O. Box 957
Barrow, Alaska 99723
(907) 852-7650

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

1975-77 University of Alaska, Fairbanks - Inupiat
Language Major (one year short of graduation)
1962-63 Sheldon Jackson Jr. College - Math major
1958-62 Sheldon Jackson High School - Graduated
Valedictorian

MARITAL STATUS: Married; Spouse - Rex A. Okakok
No. of Children - Five

EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

11/86-Present POSITION: Liaison Officer
DIVISION: Inupiat History, Language
and Culture
DEPT: Planning
EMPLOYER: North Slope Borough
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 69
Barrow, Alaska 99723
(907) 852-2611 ext.234

DUTIES: To serve as the administrative
officer for the Inupiat History, Language and Culture Commission
of the North Slope Borough; to carry out the mandate by
the North Slope Borough Assembly which is to record and
preserve the history, language and culture of the Inupiat
people of the North Slope region of the State of Alaska.
The mandate also includes translation of all major documents
of the North Slope Borough. The office maintains a staff
of six: Liaison Officer, Administrative Secretary, Oral
History Coordinator, one Translator/Inupiat Language Consultant
and two Translator/Editors.

Some of the work of this office is done through contracts
with translators, historians, consultants and other researchers.
These contracts may include documentation of Traditional
Land Use Inventories, Cultural Research (such as Traditional
Law), Inupiat Language Dictionary Projects, Life Histories
of Inupiaq Elders.

On-going office projects include: updating geneology
records of Inupiaq families; translating Elders' Conferences;
computerizing office records; maintaining photo and film
archives; acquisition and storage of rare artifacts; acquisition
of oral history records from all villages of the North

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Slope Borough; working on a common orthography for the Inuit Language which covers Siberia, Alaska, Canada and Greenland.

5/83-11/86 POSITION: Executive Vice-President
EMPLOYER: RexLee, Inc.
ADDRESS: P.O.Box 957
Barrow, Alaska 99723
(907) 852-7650

DUTIES: This was a family-owned corporation which did contracts for translations, consultant services and research. Duties included: translation of one of the Elders' Conference of the North Slope Borough's IHLC Division; TV host for a statewide weekly half-hour topical interview show in either one or both languages (Inupiat or English) taped locally at the North Slope Borough TV Studio; serve as researcher and consultant for cultural research; filled in as a manager and baker for family-run bakery; did research for an employment survey for a NSB contractor for four villages; and served as an official translator for the State of Alaska Court System. Recognized as an Expert Witness by the court on matters relating to the Inupiaq Culture.

11/79-5/83 POSITION: Translator II
DIVISION: Inupiat History, Language
and Culture
DEPARTMENT: Planning
EMPLOYER: North Slope Borough
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 69
Barrow, Alaska 99723
(907) 852-2611

DUTIES: To translate major documents, Elders' Conferences and other works as deemed necessary by the Commission and the Liaison Officer. Trained new translators on techniques; fill in as Acting Liaison Officer to run the affairs of the office; attended various meetings to promote the work of IHLC and also to gather information useful to our work.

Part of the duties also included assisting in the preparation and operance of the annual Elders' Conferences; serving as part of a team of simultaneous translators for the ICC conference in Iqaluit, Canada; and serving as an on-call translator for the court system.

10/74-8/77 POSITION: Clerk-Typist/Inupiat Language
Specialist
DEPARTMENT: Alaska Native Language Center
EMPLOYER: University of Alaska, Fairbanks
ADDRESS: Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

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DUTIES: Worked as half-time clerk-typist for specialists working on all Native Languages of Alaska and also worked as a half-time Inupiat Language Specialist. Duties as the Inupiat Language Specialist involved gathering words for the Inupiat language dictionary by researching into any and all printed word lists, working with elders who were serving as informants for the project; researched words, including breaking them up into morphemes; duly noted all discoveries regarding the Inupiat language; translated legends and stories; and filled in as instructor for the Inupiat language classes when needed.

OTHER INTERESTS AND INVOLVEMENT:

Member of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Alaska Native Arts, 1980-84

Member of the Board of Directors North Alaska Health Resources Association, 1985-Present; Executive Board Vice-President, 1986-Present

Member of the Board of Education, North Slope Borough School District, 1984-Present; Board Clerk 1984-Present

PUBLICATIONS:

1981 Kisautaq (Transcriber and Translator). PUIGUITKAAT: THE 1978 ELDERS' CONFERENCE. Barrow: North Slope Borough Commission on History and Culture (653 pp.)

PRESENTATIONS:

1983 Oral History Conference, Anchorage. Was part of a panel on Oral History and Elders' Conferences

1983 National Oral History Association Conference, Seattle. Was part of a panel on Oral History Projects

1985 Heritage North Conference, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada. Spoke on two panels - on North Language Preservation and Oral History Projects

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