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CUTLER AND  
WHEELER,  
VIOLENT  
CRIMES



## LOUISIANA CUTLER

Born April 3, 1956  
B.A., with distinction, Yale University, 1978  
J.D., Northeastern University, 1990  
Admitted to Bar: Alaska; U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska  
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Partner

Louisiana ("Louann") Cutler has a general civil litigation practice in which she handles complex commercial disputes, oil and gas tax disputes, employment law and other cases. She also advises nonprofit organizations in Alaska. She has been the Vice President of the Board of Abused Women's Aid in Crisis ("AWAIC") since 1992, and was recently appointed by the Governor to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

Her experience prior to joining the firm includes working as Special Assistant to Senator Al Adams from 1982 to 1987, who was at that time a Representative and Chair of the House Finance Committee. As Special Assistant, Ms. Cutler analyzed legislation in the House Finance Committee, and supervised and prepared numerous reports on various topics including oil and gas industry tax reform, impact on local communities of proposed oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and funding problems of the health care system for Alaska Natives.

Ms. Cutler also served as Legislative Aide to Representative Thelma Buchholdt from 1980 to 1982. In addition to researching Representative Buchholdt's personal legislation, Ms. Cutler also served as a House HESS Committee assistant. In this capacity, she supervised and assisted in the drafting and research of a report assessing the performance and funding needs of Alaska's community college system.

LOUANN CUTLER

Associate Attorney  
Preston Gates & Ellis  
Anchorage, Alaska

EDUCATION

Yale University, B.A. with honors, 1978  
Northeastern University School of Law, J.D., 1990

BAR ASSOCIATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

Alaska Bar Association  
American Bar Association  
State of Alaska  
U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1990 to Present: Preston Gates & Ellis. General litigation practice emphasizing oil and gas tax and employment litigation.

1982 to 1987: Special Assistant to Senator Al Adams (then, Representative and Chair, House Finance Committee). Conducted policy, fiscal, and political analysis of all legislation in the House Finance Committee. Supervised and participated in research and drafting of numerous projects, reports, and studies on various topics including oil and gas industry tax reform, impact on local communities of proposed oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and funding problems of the health care system for Alaska Natives. Supervised and participated in drafting of all tax legislation under consideration by the House Finance Committee, including a proposal to reinstate the oil and gas separate accounting income tax and a proposal to change the economic limit factor calculation. Analyzed all oil and gas royalty legislation for the Committee, including numerous resolutions to approve contracts for disposal of state royalty gas.

1980 to 1982: Legislative Aide to Representative Thelma Buchholdt. Researched and drafted Representative Buchholdt's personal legislation such as a bill to expand the state's day care assistance program. Supervised and assisted in the drafting and research of a report assessing the performance and funding needs of Alaska's community college system.

1979 to 1980: Performed a variety of administrative functions for the Law Offices of William T. Council (formerly Carpeneti & Council).





OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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February 13, 1997

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Taylor, Chair  
Judiciary Committee

FROM: Nancy Quinto *NQ*  
Secretary of the Senate

SUBJECT: Governor's Confirmations

Pursuant to AS 39.05.080, President Miller has referred the following names for legislative confirmation to your committee for a hearing, recommendation and report:

**Commission on Judicial Conduct**

Dianne I. Brown - Anchorage  
Appointed: 09/11/96 Expires: 12/31/98

**Violent Crimes Compensation Board**

Louann Cutler - Anchorage  
Appointed: 01/02/97 Expires: 12/15/99  
Leslie D. Wheeler - Wasilla  
Appointed: 05/15/96 Expires: 12/15/98

**Alaska Workers' Compensation Board**

Valerie K. Baffone - Anchorage  
Appointed: 11/08/96 Expires: 07/01/97  
John Giuchici - Fairbanks  
Appointed: 10/10/91 Reappointed: 07/15/93, 06/25/96 Expires: 07/01/99  
Steve Hagedorn - Anchorage  
Appointed: 08/19/91 Reappointed: 07/01/93, 06/25/96 Expires: 07/01/99  
Harriet M. Lawlor - Anchorage  
Appointed: 07/20/95 Reappointed: 06/25/96 Expires: 07/01/99  
Shawn Pierre - Chugiak  
Appointed: 11/08/96 Expires: 07/01/97

NQ:hv  
Resumes attached

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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## Senate Judiciary Committee

### REPORT ON CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

March 14, 1997

The Honorable Mike Miller  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

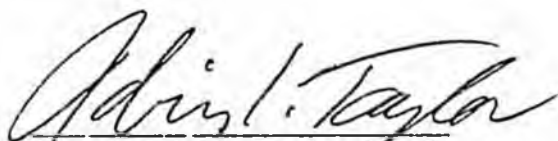
Dear President Miller:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate Judiciary Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Violent Crimes Compensation Board**  
Louisiana Cutler-- Anchorage

There were no stated objections to the named individual. However, this does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the appointment during any further sessions.

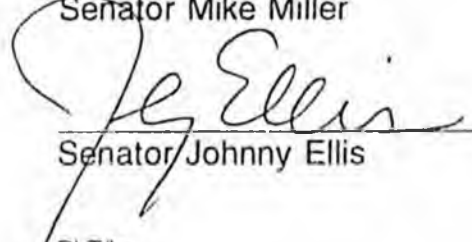
Respectfully,

  
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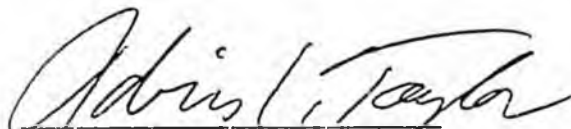
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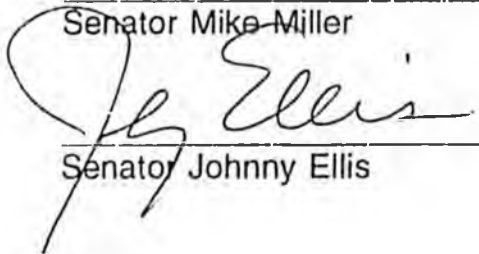
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## Violent Crimes Compensation Board

Leslie D. Bogda Wheeler  
 P.O. Box 878885  
 Wasilla, Alaska 99687  
 (907) 376-9119

- OBJECTIVE:** An active leadership role in the field of violent crime prevention.
- EDUCATION:** Master of Business Administration, Alaska Pacific University, 1995. Bachelor of Social Work, University of Alaska Anchorage, 1984.
- RELATED EXPERIENCE:**
- Graduate Assistant to the Director of the Management Department of Alaska's largest private university. Work included program and curriculum development; creation and production of program related marketing documents; interviews with potential students, adjunct professors and office staff; development of accreditation statistics and documents; participation in related staff and faculty meetings.
- Successfully secured finances and assisted partner with purchase and development of raw land and materials for residential construction and sale.
- Executive Director of a multi-service, nonprofit, domestic violence and sexual assault agency and twenty-bed shelter. With the help of a dedicated board and staff, developed the organization into a viable community resource which directly served more than 4,300 clients a year. Worked closely with community organizations to develop awareness of domestic violence, child sexual abuse, and sexual assault, and to develop appropriate services for victims and their families. Brought financial status of agency from significant budget deficit to \$20,000 fund balance. Developed budgets and oversaw more than one million dollars annually in fund accounts with outstanding annual audits. Secured funding for operations and capital projects. Oversaw development and construction of facilities. Worked closely with the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
- As Kitchen Manager and Nutritionist at the largest domestic violence shelter in Alaska, developed the new position to meet program needs. Conducted group meetings, counseled women, purchased supplies, supervised planning and preparation of 2,700 meals monthly.
- Developed tutoring program for students in an innovative alternative high school to help them graduate with a high school diploma. Some students experienced disabilities, others were socially disadvantaged; the extra attention to their special needs increased their opportunity for success.
- OTHER INTERESTS:** Gardening and thinking.
- REFERENCES:** Upon request.