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Philip Volland attended New York University School of Law as a Root-Tilden Scholar and received his J.D. in 1976. He was admitted to practice in Alaska in 1977.

Beginning in 1974, Mr. Volland began working for Alaska Legal Services Corporation, first as a law clerk, then staff attorney and, finally, as the Supervising Attorney of the Anchorage Office. During this time Mr. Volland traveled extensively to rural communities on the North Slope, Yukon River and Kuskokwim Delta representing Alaska Natives in employment discrimination and housing discrimination cases.

In 1980, Mr. Volland entered private practice with the firm of Reese, Rice, & Volland. Since that time he has maintained a general civil practice concentrating on domestic relations cases and complex civil litigation. He is now managing partner of the firm of Rice, Volland & Taylor.

Throughout his 16 years of private civil practice, Mr. Volland has represented a wide variety of clients including small businesses, non-profit corporations, and individuals. His litigation experience includes divorce and juvenile cases, unfair labor practices and wrongful discharge cases, personal injury and wrongful death, workers compensation, and civil rights. In 1989, he served as special counsel for the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct regarding proceedings against a sitting Supreme Court Justice. In 1996, he served as a special investigator for the City of Homer investigating allegations of police misconduct within the city's police force. Since 1982 he has been actively involved with representing drug and alcohol treatment centers to expand the availability of alcoholism treatment throughout the state.

In 1990, Mr. Volland negotiated a settlement to Alaska's long-standing lawsuit over prison conditions. The settlement now forms the basis for management of Alaska's prison system.

In 1994, Mr. Volland was instrumental in settling a divisive 15-year-old lawsuit involving the Alaska Mental Health Lands Trust, and successfully defending the settlement in complex proceedings before the Superior Court in Fairbanks. The settlement involved compromise between mental health advocates, coal, mining and oil interests, and environmental groups, and established a \$200 million endowment for mental health programs.

Throughout his practice, Mr. Volland has been active in community and bar association affairs. Mr. Volland served as president of the Alaska Bar Association between 1994-1995 and was a member of the Board of Governors for six years beginning in 1990. As Bar Association president, Mr. Volland promoted Bar-sponsored community awareness programs at its annual convention on cultural bias in the law, domestic violence, and the legal implications of breast cancer research and treatment.

From 1988-1990, Mr. Volland served as Chair of the Bar Association Law Related Education Committee. During this time he established what is now an ongoing Bar Association course for teachers in law related subjects and expanded the Law Related Education Committee to include grade school teachers, high school teachers and administrators.

Between 1991-1994, Mr. Volland served as Vice Chair of the Alaska Sentencing Commission along with legislators and state policy-makers. The Commission spent nearly three years examining Alaska's sentencing laws and practices, and made recommendations to the Legislature in 1994.

Mr. Volland served as the only attorney on the Special Supreme Court Committee to Review the Code of Judicial Conduct during the committee's work in 1993 and 1994. The Committee's recommendations for a revised code of judicial ethics is now before the Supreme Court.

In 1994 and 1995, Mr. Volland sat as a member of the Joint-State and Federal Gender Equality Task Force examining gender discrimination issues in the legal profession.

Mr. Volland is also a member of the American Bar Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the American Judicature Society, and the Alaska Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is a regular faculty member in Bar sponsored continuing legal education programs on ethics and trial practice, and has been an instructor at National Institute of Trial Advocacy programs in Alaska. He also teaches trial practice classes to high school students aspiring to participate in Anchorage Youth Court.