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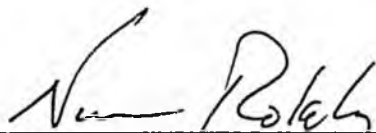
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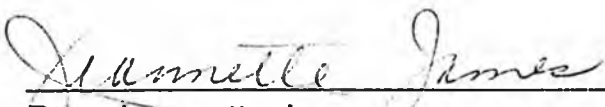
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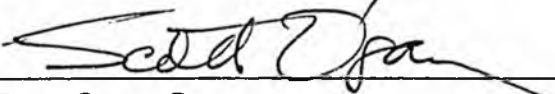
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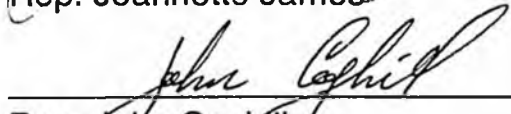
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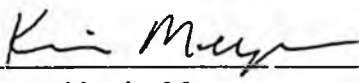
**Select Committee on Legislative Ethics**  
Thomas P. Owens, Jr.

  
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

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**Select Committee on Legislative Ethics**

Dennis E. "Skip" Cook

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Ethan Berkowitz  
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## Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

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January 8, 2001

Representative Norm Rokeberg  
House Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK

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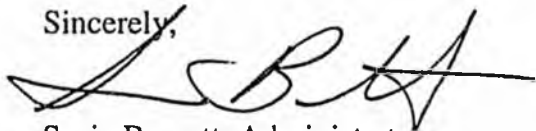
Dear Representative Rokeberg;

Attached please find letters of nomination from Chief Justice Dana Fabe. The Chief Justice has renominated Dennis "Skip" Cook and nominated Thomas P. Owens to serve as public members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics. I have also attached a resume for each individual. To serve on the committee, public members must be ratified by two-thirds of the full membership of each body, under AS 24.60.130(b).

I respectfully ask you to consider assisting us by scheduling confirmation hearings, should the letters of nomination be referred to your committee, as soon as possible. The committee is scheduled to meet on January 17, 2001. It would be helpful to have a full committee, eligible to vote, at that time.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Susie Barnett, Administrator  
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics



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## MEMORANDUM

Date: January 9, 2001

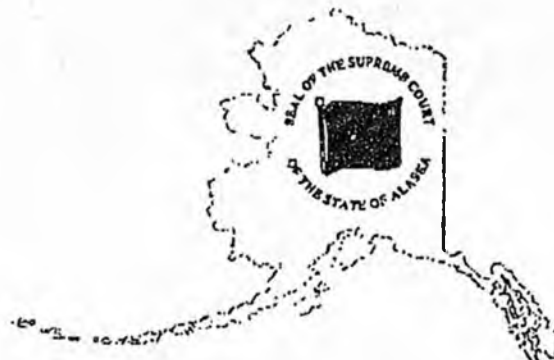
TO: Judiciary Committee

FROM: Suzi Lowell *sl*  
Chief Clerk

SUBJECT: Legislative Ethics Appointments

Speaker Porter referred the appointment of Thomas P. Owens, Jr. and the reappointment of Dennis E. "Skip" Cook to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics to the Judiciary Committee.

Attachments: Letters and resumes from Chief Justice Dana Fabe  
Committee Reports



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November 27, 2000

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The Honorable Drue Pearce  
Senate President  
716 West 4th Avenue, Suite 500  
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The Honorable Brian Porter  
Speaker of the House  
716 West 4th Avenue, Suite 300  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear President Pearce  
and Speaker Porter:

In my capacity as Chief Justice, and pursuant to AS 24.60.130(b)(3), I am nominating Dennis "Skip" Cook to a second term as a public member of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics. Mr. Cook's current term will expire on the first day of the legislative session.

Mr. Cook is a partner in the law firm, Cook, Schuhmann & Groseclose, and he currently serves as the Select Committee's chair. He has been a member of the Alaska Bar for thirty years. For purposes of determining compliance with AS 24.60.130(c), Mr. Cook is non-partisan.

Mr. Cook can be reached at 452-1855. His mailing address is 1714 4th Avenue, Suite 200, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701. Please let me know if I can provide you with any other information on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dana Fabe  
Chief Justice

DF:jd  
cc: Dennis E. Cook  
Susan Barnett

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DENNIS E. "SKIP" COOK

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Fairbanks, Alaska 99707-0810  
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PERSONAL

**Date of Birth:** February 8, 1940  
**Place of Birth:** Fairbanks, Alaska  
**Marital Status:** Married to Olga B. Cook  
**Children:** Tyler Cook, Born April 16, 1964  
Bret D. Cook, Born July 19, 1966  
Dana B. Cook, Born May 3, 1968  
Zachary B. Cook, Born June 15, 1972  
Katherine M. Cook, Born January 31, 1976  
Eliza N. Cook, Born July 10, 1980  
Whitney D. Cook, Born May 1, 1984

EDUCATION

1962 Graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Economics, Politics and Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
1963 Received Master of Arts in Political Science from Northwestern University  
1970 Received Juris Doctor Degree from Willamette University

Dennis E. "Skip" Cook  
Barbara L. Schumann  
Robert B. Groseclose

Jo A. Kuchic  
Zane D. Wilson  
Bret D. Cook

Michael C. Kramer  
Of Counsel  
Grace Berg Scheible

**EMPLOYMENT**

- 5/70 - Present                      COOK SCHUHMAN & GROSECLOSE, INC.,  
and its predecessors, P. O. Box 70810,  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707-0810 (907) 452-1855  
Became a partner in 1972. Practice concentrates on personal  
injury, workers' compensation defense, domestic  
relations and commercial law.
  
- 8/69-5/70                            Alaskan Adventures, Minneapolis, MN, worked in  
Salem, OR as western states distributor of movie  
"This is My Alaska"
  
- 1968-69                              Horton, Geib & O'Rourke, Salem, Oregon, licensed  
securities dealer
  
- 1967-68                              State of Oregon, state police, part-time clerk
  
- 2/65 - 8/67                          Alaska 67 Centennial Exposition (commemorating the  
U. S. purchase of Alaska from Russia), General Manager
  
- 10/63 - 1/65                        State of Alaska, Office of the Governor, Local Affairs Agency,  
Juneau, Alaska, Assistant Director and Director
  
- 5/63 - 9/63                         State of Alaska, Election Director for organizational election of  
Fairbanks North Star Borough

**PROFESSIONAL  
ASSOCIATIONS**

The American Bar Association, Alaska Bar Association,  
Tanana Valley Bar Association

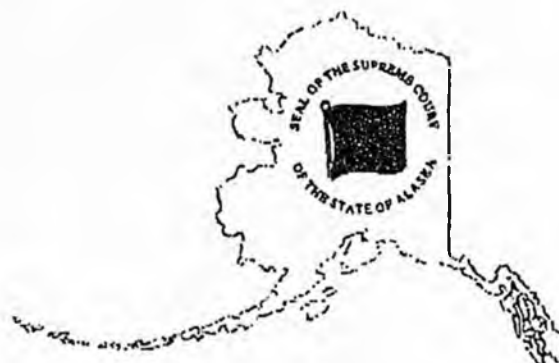
**PUBLIC SERVICE  
POSITION**

Tanana Valley State Fair Association -  
Director 1971-1985; President 1976-1985

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints -  
Bishop, 1970 - 1974; District President 1977 - 1979;  
Stake President 1979-1989; Regional Representative  
1992 - 1995; Scoutmaster 1995 - Present

Rotary Club of Fairbanks - 1977 - Present;  
Director 1986-1990; Secretary 1991; President  
1993-1994; District 5010 Rotary Youth Leadership  
Conference Co-Chair 1995-1997

Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America -  
Merit Badge Counselor 1970 - Present; Executive  
Board 1989 - Present; Executive Committee 1993 -  
Present; President 1998; Silver Beaver Award 1997



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Chief Justice

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Dear President Pearce  
and Speaker Porter:

In my capacity as Chief Justice, and pursuant to AS 24.60.130(b)(3), I am nominating Thomas P. Owens, Jr. to a term as a public member of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics. Mr. Owens will be filling the seat vacated by Mr. Ed Granger upon completion of his term.

Mr. Owens is a partner in the law firm, Owens & Turner, and is one of the state's leading practitioners in the area of employment law. He has been a member of the Alaska Bar for thirty years. For purposes of determining compliance with AS 24.60.130(c), Mr. Owens is non-partisan.

Mr. Owens can be reached at 276-3963. His mailing address is 1500 West 33rd Avenue, Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. Please let me know if I can provide you with any other information on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dana Fabo  
Chief Justice

DF:jd

cc: Thomas P. Owens, Jr.  
Susan Barnett

**Thomas P. Owens, Jr.****PERSONAL**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Washington, North Carolina

**PERSONAL INTERESTS:** Psychology, law, athletics, photography, music, literature, fishing, human communication, successful ageing

**EDUCATION**

**SECONDARY SCHOOLS:** Washington, North Carolina

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:** United States Air Force Academy: B.S. Engineering, Rated Navigator and commissioned Second Lieutenant USAF 1961

**CERTIFICATIONS:** Oregon Center for Neurolinguistic Programming: Certified Practitioner 1987  
Hudson Institute: Certified Individual and Organizational Coach 2000

**GRADUATE EDUCATION:** Duke University School of Law: Juris Doctor 1965  
Alaska Pacific University: M.S., Counseling Psychology 1994

**PROFESSIONAL**

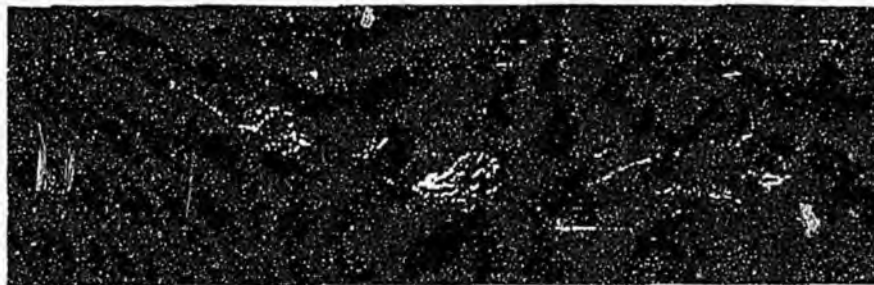
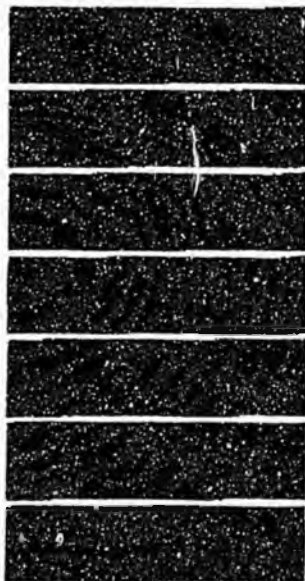
**EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:** Ditch digger; apprentice electrician; deputy staff judge advocate and trial attorney, USAF; government contract specialist, USAF; military judge, USAF; adjunct faculty, business law, University of Alaska Anchorage; professional arbitrator, litigator and persuader, organization consultant; coach; senior principal at Owens & Turner, P.C., a law firm specializing in labor and employment relations law for employers, and commercial transactions for 26 years.

**PROFESSIONAL VITAE:** Admitted to practice before all Alaska State Courts, all North Carolina courts, U.S. District Court, District of Alaska, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, and U.S. Supreme Court. Member Phi Delta Phi, legal fraternity. President, Duke Bar Association 1964-1965. Member: Alaska, Anchorage, North Carolina, and American (Labor Law and Law Practice Management Sections) Bar Associations. Selected: U.S. Chamber of Commerce: Outstanding Young Men in America, 1975. Selected: Woodward & White: Best Lawyers in America, 1995 - 2000. Selected: Martindale Hubbell: AV Rating 1990 - 2000. Numerous other awards and recognitions.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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Counsel, Alaska Public Television, Inc.  
Board Member, Alaska Partners in Justice



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- Tanadgusix Corporation

- Alaska State Agencies
- Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
- Alaska Science & Technology Foundation

- Construction
- Alaska Basic Industries, Inc.
- Anchorage Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.

**Baugh Construction & Engineering Company**  
**H. C. Price Construction Company**  
**Roger Hickel Contracting, Inc.**  
**Watterson Construction Company**

**Education**

Alaska Pacific University  
University of Alaska

**Financial Services**

**First National Bank of Anchorage**  
**Merrill Lynch Credit Corporation**  
Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith, Inc.

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**Universal Underwriters Group**

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**Local Government**

**City of Cordova, Alaska**  
**City of Dillingham, Alaska**  
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**Peak Oilfield Service Company**  
Union Oil Company of California

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Universal Motors, Inc.  
(d/b/a Nye Frontier Toyota & Lexus of Alaska)  
Venator Group, Inc.

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Northern Reflections)

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Bethel Utilities Corporation

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