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## Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

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December 18, 2001

Senator Robin Taylor  
Chair, Judiciary Committee  
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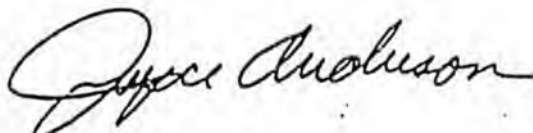
Dear Senator Taylor:

The Select Committee on Legislative Ethics has three public members whose terms will expire in 2002. Chief Justice Dana Fabe, on November 13<sup>th</sup>, forwarded to Senate President Rick Halford the names of two nominees: H. Conner Thomas for a second term and Arthur S. Robinson, a new nominee. Bonnie Mehner, the third public member, was appointed on May 14, 2001 to fill a vacancy due to a resignation. All three public members will require confirmation during the 2002 legislative session. 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, during the first week of the session, should the letters of nomination be referred to your committee. The confirmation process for Bonnie Mehner, appointed to fill a vacancy during the last ten days of the first regular session, must be completed within the first ten (10) days of the second regular session pursuant to AS 24.60.130(e). I suggest the confirmation hearings for all three public members be scheduled for the same day.

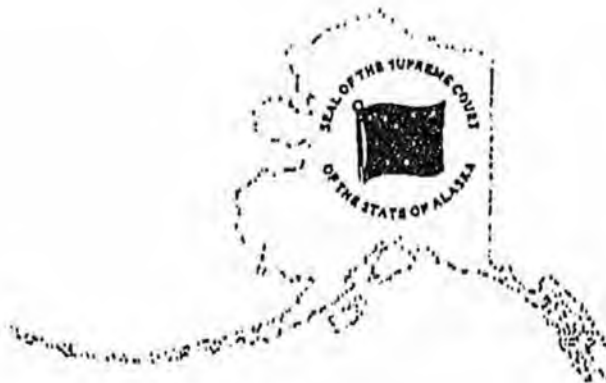
Attached is a copy of applicable statutes. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 269-0150.

Sincerely,



Joyce Anderson  
Administrator, Ethics Committee

Request for Hearing



Chambers of  
Dana Fabe  
Chief Justice

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State of Alaska

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November 13, 2001

The Honorable Rick Halford  
Senate President  
P.O. Box 670190  
Chugiak, Alaska 99567-0190

The Honorable Brian Porter  
Speaker of the House  
716 West 4th Avenue, Suite 300  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear President Halford  
and Speaker Porter:

In my capacity as Chief Justice, and pursuant to AS 24.60.130(b)(3), I am nominating Arthur S. Robinson to a term as a public member of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics. Mr. Robinson will be filling the seat vacated by Mr. Curt Wallace upon his resignation.

Mr. Robinson is a partner in the law firm, Robinson & Beiswenger. He has been a member of the Alaska Bar for twenty-seven years and has practiced in Kenai since 1978. For purposes of determining compliance with AS 24.60.130(c), Mr. Robinson is non-partisan.

Mr. Robinson can be reached at (907) 262-9164. His mailing address is 35401 Kenai Spur Highway, Soldotna, Alaska 99669. Please let me know if I can provide you with any other information on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dana Fabe  
Chief Justice

DF:jd

cc: Arthur Robinson  
Joyce Anderson

Letters of Support

**Sec. 24.60.130. Select committee on legislative ethics.**

**(a)** There is established as a permanent interim committee within the legislative branch of state government the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

**(b)** The committee consists of nine members, in two subcommittees, as follows:

(1) the senate subcommittee, which consists of two members of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the minority organizational caucus, if any, appointed by the president of the senate with the concurrence by roll call vote of two-thirds of the full membership of the senate, and includes the five public members appointed under (3) of this subsection;

(2) the house subcommittee, which consists of two members of the house, one of whom shall be a member of the minority organizational caucus, if any, appointed by the speaker of the house with the concurrence by roll call vote of two-thirds of the full membership of the house, and includes the five public members appointed under (3) of this subsection; and

(3) five public members who are selected by the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court and who are ratified by two-thirds of the full membership of the senate and two-thirds of the full membership of the house.

**(c)** No more than one public member may be a former legislator and no more than two public members of the committee may be members of the same political party.

**(d)** The members of each subcommittee shall elect a chair and a vice-chair, who serve a term of two years. Neither a chair nor a vice-chair may be a member of the legislature. An officer may not hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms. The vice-chair shall act as chair in the absence of the chair. The chair selected by the senate subcommittee shall chair the full committee beginning the first day of the regular session in odd-numbered years and the chair selected by the house subcommittee shall chair the full committee beginning the first day of the regular session in even-numbered years.

**(e)** Except as provided in this subsection, a vacancy on the committee shall be filled under (b) of this section. An individual who is appointed to fill a vacancy that occurs during the last 10 days of the first regular session of a legislature or during the interim between regular sessions of that legislature serves without concurrence or ratification through the 10th day of the second regular session of the legislature. An individual who is appointed to fill a vacancy that occurs during the last 10 days of the second regular session of a legislature or during the interim after the second regular session serves without concurrence or ratification through the convening of the first regular session of the next legislature.

RESUME

Arthur S. Robinson  
35401 Kenai Spur Highway  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669  
Telephone: (907) 262-9164

Birthdate: December 21, 1948  
Place of Birth: Washington, D.C.  
Marital Status: Married, 2 Children  
Health: Excellent

BAR ADMISSION

Admitted to Practice of Law in Alaska May 16, 1974

EDUCATION

Law School: Juris Doctorate 1973, University of California at Los Angeles

Undergraduate: Bachelor of Arts/Political Science, cum laude, 1970, University of California at Los Angeles

WORK EXPERIENCE

1998 to Present Partner in Law Firm of Robinson & Beiswenger, 35401 Kenai Spur Highway, Soldotna, Alaska.

1982 to 1998: Partner in Law Firm of Robinson & Beiswenger, 35401 Kenai Spur Highway, Soldotna, Alaska. On October 1, 1987, Peter Ehrhardt became a member of the firm, Robinson, Beiswenger & Ehrhardt. Telephone No. (907) 262-9164

1977-1982: Sole Practitioner, Law Office of Arthur S. Robinson, 35401 Kenai Spur Highway, Soldotna, Alaska, (907) 262-9164

1975-1977 Staff attorney with Law Firm of Johnson, Christensen & Shamberg, Airport Heights Road, Anchorage, Alaska and Kenai Alaska

1974-1975 Assistant District Attorney, Alaska Department of Law, Criminal Division, Anchorage, Alaska

1973-1974: Legal Intern, Alaska Department of Law, Criminal Division, Anchorage, Alaska

1972-1973: Legal Intern, Alaska Public Defender Agency, Anchorage, Alaska

LEGAL EXPERIENCE: Arthur S. Robinson has practiced law in Alaska since 1974. He has practiced law on the Kenai Peninsula since 1975. His 27 years of experience have been in the fields of both criminal and civil litigation, with emphasis in contracts, real property, personal injury, natural resource law, criminal law, and employment law. Mr. Robinson has also had considerable exposure in the business community and has served as a board of director for the Kenai Care Center. He is also active as legal advisor to local and statewide commercial fishing organizations. He is a trustee and fellow-founder of the Martin Luther King Scholarship Foundation of Kenai. Mr. Robinson has taught business law and real estate law at the Kenai Community College.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Alaska Bar Association, Kenai Peninsula Bar Association, Kenai Trial Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, Alaska Academy of Trial Lawyers, Inducted 9/95 American College of Trial Lawyers, Kenai Peninsula Resource Development Commission, Alaska Reapportionment Board, Chairman, March 1990-December 1990, Member, Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas in Alaska 7/91-12/94