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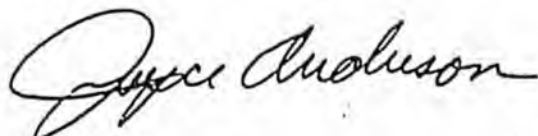
Dear Senator Taylor:

The Select Committee on Legislative Ethics has three public members whose terms will expire in 2002. Chief Justice Dana Fabe, on November 13th, 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(c). 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

Sec. 24.69.130. 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.

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EDUCATION

University of Louisville, School of Law
Louisville, Kentucky
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University of Kentucky
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B.A. Economics (1973)

EMPLOYMENT

Larson, Timbers & Thomas, P.C. August 1986 to present
Nome, Alaska
Associate and partner in a small general practice law firm

State of Alaska, Public Defender Agency May 1983 to August 1986
Nome, Alaska
Representing indigent criminal defendants

State of Alaska Court System - magistrate September 1982 to May 1983
Nome, Alaska
Arraign criminal defendants, preside over misdemeanor trials, court master in child in need of aid and juvenile delinquency cases

Alaska Legal Services Corporation October 1979 to September 1982
Nome, Alaska
Staff and supervising attorney for law office representing indigent clients in civil cases

U.S. Department of Interior May 1979 to October 1979
Anchorage, Alaska
Land adjudicator

VISTA Volunteer October 1977 to January 1979
Fairbanks and Nome, Alaska
Staff attorney with Protection and Advocacy for developmentally disabled, Fairbanks Alaska
Staff attorney with Alaska Legal Services Corporation, Nome, Alaska

ORGANIZATIONS

Nome Kennel Club
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Alaska Civil Liberties Union
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Citizen Review Committee
Department of Health & Social Services

October 1985 to January 1987