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## ALASKA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

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Anchorage, Alaska 99502  
(907) 249-1342 DSN: 317-626-1342



### Colonel Tony A. Hart

Colonel Tony A. Hart is commander of the 176<sup>th</sup> Wing, Kulis Air National Guard Base, Anchorage, Alaska. His responsibilities include articulating a vision, setting goals and objectives, developing leaders, and providing a healthy and equitable environment in which his people may serve. He oversees the recruiting, retention, and training of over 1500 Air Guard members, as well as operational and maintenance control of eight airlift C-130H, four rescue HC-130H (N), and six rescue HH-60 airframes for in-state and worldwide deployment.

Colonel Hart was commissioned in 1982 and received his navigator wings the same year. Colonel Hart has served in various positions at Air Mobility Command, including Advisor to the Director of Operations and Advisor to the Inspector General. Colonel Hart performed duties as Strategic Airlift Planner, Tanker Airlift Control Center, as well as being a lead qualified navigator in the 118 AW, Nashville, Tennessee and 182 AW, Peoria, Illinois.

Colonel Hart is a master navigator with more than 4,000 flying hours in the RC-135 and C-130 aircraft. He has participated in operations around the world, including Operation DESERT SHIELD and Operation PROVIDE PROMISE. Prior to assuming command at the 176<sup>th</sup> Wing, Colonel Hart served as the Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander, Air Mobility Command.

#### EDUCATION

1981 Bachelor's degree in religion, Tennessee Temple University, Chattanooga, Tennessee  
1987 Squadron Officers School  
1997 Air Command and Staff College  
1999 Air War College

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. February 1982 - April 1982, student, officer training school, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. May 1982 - December 1982, student, undergraduate navigator training, Mather Air Force Base California
3. February 1983 - June 1983, student, electronic warfare school, Mather Air Force Base, California

4. August 1983 - July 1988, standardization and evaluation flight examine warfare officer, 343<sup>rd</sup> Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron and 55<sup>th</sup> Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska
5. August 1988 - October 1995, senior navigator, 105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, Tennessee Air National Guard, Nashville, Tennessee
6. August 1995 - January 1997, strategic airlift director, Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
7. October 1995 - February 1997, senior navigator, 169<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, Illinois Air National Guard, Peoria, Illinois
8. February 1997 - May 1999, Chief, Air National Guard Readiness Plans, Office of the Inspector General, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
9. June 1999 - June 2000, strategic/tactical air operations staff officer, Training Division, Directorate of Operations, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
10. June 2000 - October 2003, Air National Guard Advisor to the Director of Operations, Directorate of Operations, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
11. October 2003 - January 2005, Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: More than 4000

Aircraft flown: RC-135U, C-130A/E/H

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with two devices

National Defense with one device

Southwest Asia Medal

Saudia Arabian Medal for the Liberation of Kuwait

Kuwaiti Medal for the Liberation of Kuwait

Air Force Organizational Excellence with one device

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one device

Air Force Training Ribbon

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Medal with six devices

Air Force Good Conduct Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one device

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	Apr 30, 1982
First Lieutenant	Apr 30, 1984
Captain	Apr 30, 1986
Major	Aug 6, 1991
Lieutenant Colonel	Jun 19, 1997
Colonel	Mar 30, 2001

(Current as of 15 February 2005)

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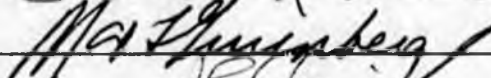
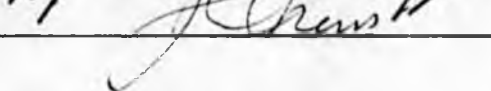
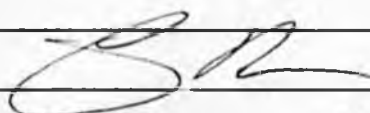

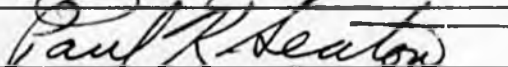
## CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: 20 APR 06

The State Affairs Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following Governor's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC)**  
 Ms. Claire Hall - Fairbanks  
 Appointed: 3/9/2006 Term Expires: 3/1/2011

This does not reflect intent by any of the members to vote for or against this individual during any further sessions for the purposes of confirmation.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
	Gardner
	Gruenberg
	FEIN, J. AL
	RASMUS
Chair: 	<del>RASMUS</del>
Chair: 	SEATON

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## Claire VanSciver Hall

Fairbanks, AK 99701  
(907) 456-5225

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### Professional Experience

June 1998 to  
present

Office Manager/Paralegal  
Hall & Elliott, Attorneys at Law, P.C.  
751 Seventh Ave., Fairbanks, AK 99701

August 1991 to  
May 1998

History Teacher  
Monroe Catholic High School  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

- Student Council Advisor
- National Honor Society Advisor

August 1990 to  
May 1991

Classroom Teacher  
Immaculate Conception Grade School  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

- Student Council Advisor

August 1989 to  
January 1990

Teacher  
DeRidder Junior High School  
DeRidder, Louisiana

September 1982 to  
May 1983

Instructor  
Army Education Center  
Herzogenaurach, Germany

- Conversational German

January 1982 to  
May 1982

Instructor  
City College of Chicago  
Herzogenaurach, Germany

- Data Processing 101

### Education and Awards

December 1991

M.A. Humanities  
California State University, Dominguez Hills, CA

March 1972

B.A. History  
University of California at Los Angeles

October 1970

Honor Society  
College of Letters and Science, UCLA

January 1969

Torch and Flame Honor Society  
University of California at Berkeley

### Associations

Past President, Fairbanks Republican Women  
Member, Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce

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**GOVERNOR**

**DESIGNEE,**

**W. CORBUS**

## CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: 1/26/06

The State Affairs Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following Governor's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Lieutenant Governor Designee**  
Mr. William A. Corbus

This does not reflect intent by any of the members to vote for or against this individual during any further sessions for the purposes of confirmation.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
<i>Bryta Gardner</i>	Gardner
<i>Dunn</i>	LYNN
<i>[Signature]</i>	GATTO
<i>[Signature]</i>	RAWRIS
<i>[Signature]</i>	ELIKINS
<i>[Signature]</i>	Gruber
Chair: <i>Paul H. Seaton</i>	SEATON
Chair:	

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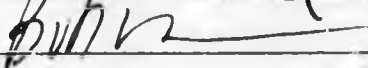
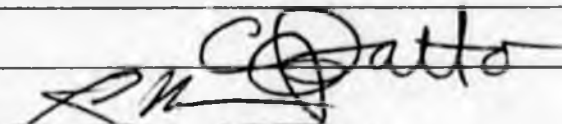

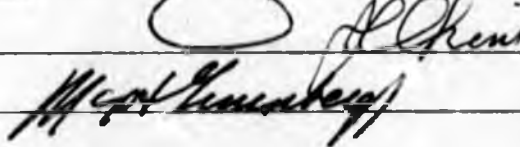
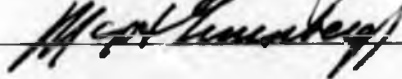
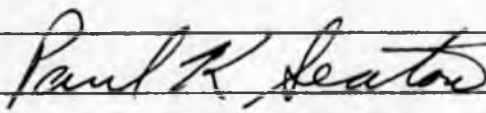

## CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: 1/26/06

The State Affairs Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following Governor's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC)**  
 Mr. William S. L. Walters - Fairbanks  
 Appointed: 5/19/2005 Term Expires: 3/1/2010

This does not reflect intent by any of the members to vote for or against this individual during any further sessions for the purposes of confirmation.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
	Gardner
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	Gatto
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	ELICINS
	Grunberg
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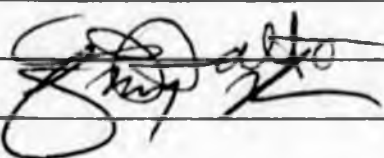
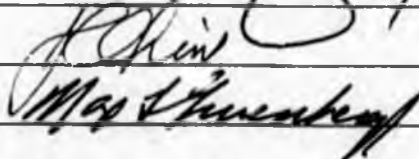
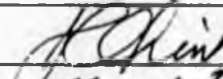
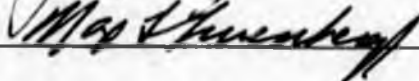
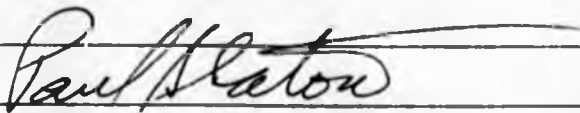
## CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: 1/26/06

The State Affairs Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following Governor's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Commissioner - Department of Administration**  
 Mr. Scott Nordstrand  
 Appointed: 10/3/2005

This does not reflect intent by any of the members to vote for or against this individual during any further sessions for the purposes of confirmation.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
	Gardner
	LYNN
	GATTO
	RAMRAS
	ELKINS
	Grunberg
Chair: 	SEATON
Chair:	

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# LEGAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF LEGAL AND RESEARCH SERVICES  
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY  
STATE OF ALASKA

(907) 465-3867 or 465-2450  
FAX (907) 465-2029  
Mail Stop 3101

State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99601-1182  
Deliveries to: 129 6th St., Rm. 329

## MEMORANDUM

January 28, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Summary of legislative confirmation of lieutenant governor designees under the constitutional and statutory provisions prescribing succession to that office.

**TO:** Representative Paul Seaton, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee

**FROM:** Jack Chenoweth  
Assistant Revisor

I understand from a third party that you, or someone on the committee, had made inquiry about the history of the succession to the office of lieutenant governor. With assistance of others in this office, I have compiled the following and hope it may be useful.

The applicable constitutional provision appears at article III, section 13:

**Further Succession.** Provision shall be made by law for succession to the office of governor and for an acting governor in the event that the lieutenant governor is unable to succeed to the office or act as governor. No election of a lieutenant governor shall be held except at the time of electing a governor.

The applicable statute, AS 44.19.040, first enacted by ch. 174, SLA 1959 (effective May 6, 1959), contemplates legislative confirmation of the person nominated as the successor to the office of lieutenant governor:

**Appointment of successor to lieutenant governor.** After taking an initial term of office, the governor shall appoint, from among the officers who head the principal departments of the state government or otherwise, a person to succeed to the office of lieutenant governor if the office of lieutenant governor becomes vacant. The appointment is subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature meeting in joint session. The person designated and confirmed is next in line for succession to the office of lieutenant governor, subject to the pleasure of the governor. If the person designated and confirmed is removed from or vacates the appointment, the governor shall appoint a successor subject to confirmation in the same manner as the person initially appointed

Representative Paul Seaton  
January 27, 2006  
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This is a summary history of the legislature's exercise of the confirmation power under the statute:

**GOVERNOR BILL EGAN, JANUARY 1959 - DECEMBER 1962 (FIRST TERM):**

*Burke Riley, Executive Assistant to the Governor*

Nomination submitted, March 22, 1960

Transmittal letters not reprinted in the journals

Legislative confirmation, March 29, 1960

1960 House Journal page 898; 1960 Senate Journal page 855

**GOVERNOR BILL EGAN, DECEMBER 1962 - DECEMBER 1966 (SECOND TERM):**

*A.H. Romick, Commissioner of Commerce*

Nomination submitted, April 4, 1963

1963 House Journal page 488; No Senate journal notation located

Legislative confirmation, April 9, 1963

1963 House Journal page 550.3; 1963 Senate Journal, not reported

**GOVERNOR WALTER HICKEL, DECEMBER 1966 - JANUARY 1969 (FIRST TERM):**

*Donald Burr, Attorney General*

Nomination submitted, February 21, 1967

1967 House Journal Supplement 9 page 1; 1967 Senate Journal  
Supplement 8 page 1

Legislative confirmation, March 17, 1967

1967 House/Senate Supplement 5 pages 14 - 15

*Bob Ward, Commissioner of Administration*

Nomination submitted, February 15, 1968

1968 House Journal page 217; 1968 Senate Journal Supplement 8  
page 1

Legislative confirmation, February 19, 1968

1968 House Journal page 258; 1968 Senate Journal page 183

**GOVERNOR KEITH MILLER, JANUARY 1969 - DECEMBER 1970:**

*George Sharrock, Commissioner of Commerce*

Nomination submitted, March 6, 1969

1969 House Journal page 292; 1969 Senate Journal page 268

Legislative confirmation, March 27, 1969

1969 House Journal page 534; 1969 Senate Journal page 503

**GOVERNOR BILL EGAN, DECEMBER 1970 - DECEMBER 1974 (THIRD TERM):**

***John E. Havelock, Attorney General***

Nomination submitted, March 15, 1971

1971 House Journal page 468; 1971 Senate Journal page 337

Legislative confirmation, April 6, 1971

1971 House Journal page 707; 1971 Senate Journal page 507

***Norman E. Gorsuch, Attorney General***

Nomination submitted, February 26, 1974

1974 House Journal page 360; 1974 Senate Journal page 247

Legislative confirmation, March 28, 1974

1974 House Journal page 702; 1974 Senate Journal page 498

**GOVERNOR JAY HAMMOND, DECEMBER 1974 - DECEMBER 1978 (FIRST TERM):**

***Donald Harris, Commissioner of Public Works<sup>1</sup>***

Nomination submitted, February 11, 1975

1975 House Journal page 170; 1975 Senate Journal page 162

Legislative confirmation, May 21, 1975

1975 House Journal page 1341; 1975 Senate Journal page 1223

**GOVERNOR JAY HAMMOND, DECEMBER 1978 - DECEMBER 1982 (SECOND TERM):**

Our research disclosed no record of nomination(s) submitted or of legislative confirmation(s) during Governor Hammond's second term.

**GOVERNOR BILL SHEFFIELD, DECEMBER 1982 - DECEMBER 1986:**

Our research disclosed no record of nomination(s) submitted or of legislative confirmation(s) during Governor Sheffield's term.

**GOVERNOR STEVE COPPER, DECEMBER 1986 - DECEMBER 1990:**

***Hugh Malone, Commissioner of Revenue***

Nomination submitted, February 11, 1987

1987 House Journal page 183; 1987 Senate Journal page 233

Legislative confirmation, May 11, 1987

1987 House Journal page 1310; 1987 Senate Journal page 1311

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<sup>1</sup> Following the merger of the former Departments of Public Works and Highways into the single Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, made by Executive Order 39, effective July 1, 1977, Commissioner Harris was designated commissioner of the successor department, serving in that capacity until approximately October, 1978.

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**GOVERNOR WALTER HICKEL, DECEMBER 1990 - DECEMBER 1994 (SECOND TERM):**

***Millet Keller, Commissioner of Administration***

Nomination submitted, May 15, 1991

1991 House Journal pages 1435 - 1436; 1991 Senate Journal  
page 1322

Legislative confirmation, May 16, 1991

1991 House Journal page 1484; 1991 Senate Journal page 1345

***Nancy Bear Usera, Commissioner of Administration***

Nomination submitted, January 24, 1992

1992 House Journal page 2052; 1992 Senate Journal page 1870

Legislative confirmation, May 8, 1992

1992 House Journal page 3694 - 3695; 1992 Senate Journal pages  
3159 - 3160

**GOVERNOR TONY KNOWLES, DECEMBER 1994 - DECEMBER 1998 (FIRST TERM) AND**

**GOVERNOR TONY KNOWLES, DECEMBER 1998 - DECEMBER 2002 (SECOND TERM):**

Research disclosed no submission of a nominee or confirmation of the nomination during Governor Knowles' terms. The lieutenant governor's office has on file a copy of a June 18, 1995, letter designating then-Attorney General Bruce Botelho to serve as next in line for succession to that office.

**GOVERNOR FRANK MURKOWSKI, DECEMBER 2002 -**

***Bill Corbus, Commissioner of Revenue***

Nomination submitted, January 11, 2006

2006 House Journal page 2241; 2006 Senate Journal page 1863.

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## **“Big Things for 2006”**

### **DEPARTMENT-WIDE**

- Employee recognition program.
- Westlaw contract.
- Evaluate West km and books for PD, OPA, OAH & LR.
- Employee evaluation process.

### **ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICE COMMISSION**

- Evaluate and stabilize delivery of data to public via web-based access.
- Promote increased electronic filing by APOC reporters through use of simplified, stable electronic tools.

### **ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

- Convert state phone system to Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP).
- Migrate state computer network and desktop environments to Microsoft.
- Negotiate GCI core services contract extension for one year.
- Alaska Land Mobile Radio System completion and transfer from DMVA to Admin.

### **FINANCE**

- State Travel Office.
  - Migrate all departments and agencies to State Travel Office by June 30, 2006.
  - Improve customer service to clients of State Travel Office.
- Complete procurement and initial implementation of payroll system and data warehouse.
- Resolve IRS problems re boards & commission payments, cell phone and portable computer usage and trooper housing.

### **GENERAL SERVICES:**

- Negotiate new contract with Alaska Airlines.
- Evaluate and resolve issues re procurement pilot project for DOTPF Southeast.
- Request proposals for discounted hotel and car rental contracts, in-state and national.
- Obtain funding for deferred maintenance needs for state buildings and implement same.

### **LABOR RELATIONS**

- Deploy case management system.

### **MOTOR VEHICLES**

- Reduce wait times through expansion of business partners program, including legislation to compensate business partners.

### **OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

- Deploy case management system.
- Implement billing and department/agency reimbursement program.

### **OFFICE OF PUBLIC ADVOCACY**

- Pursue court rule change to require sworn financial statements from those seeking PD or OPA representation.
- Consider creation of Kenai Office to reduce use of contract attorneys.

### **PERSONNEL**

- Complete procurement and initial implementation of payroll and data warehouse solution.

### **PUBLIC DEFENDER AGENCY**

- Deploy case management system.
- Pursue court rule change to require sworn financial statements from those seeking PD or OPA representation.

### **RETIREMENT & BENEFITS**

- Procure and transition, if necessary, third-party administrator for active and retiree health care plan.

- Procure and implement record-keeping, education and financial advice for defined contribution pension plan, including integration of services with SBS and Deferred Compensation plans.
- Continued work on new Alaska Retirement Management Board and committees.
- Complete implementation of SB141.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

- Increase appropriation to average of last three years "true cost of risk"

employees, § 18; 72 Am. Jur. 2d, Statutes, Dependencies, § 61. Statutes, § 243.

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Revisor's notes. — Formerly AS 44.19.070. Renumbered in 1980. Also in 1980, former AS 44.19.030 is renumbered as AS 44.19.020.

**Sec. 44.19.035. Jones Act repeal.** The governor shall use best efforts and all appropriate means to persuade the United States Congress to repeal 46 U.S.C. 861, et seq., known as the Jones Act (1983 Initiative Proposal No. 2, § 4; am § 22 ch 126 SLA 1994)

NOTES TO DECISIONS

This section is valid. — This section does not strip the executive's powers, is not the exercise of an executive or quasi-judicial function, and is not an exercise of power barred to the law makers by the constitution; accordingly, it is valid. *Yute Air Alaska, Inc. v. McAlpine*, 698 P.2d 1173 (Alaska 1985).

Article 2. Succession.

Section	Section
1. Appointment of successor to lieutenant governor	46. Simultaneous vacancies
2. Succession to office	
3. Special election in case of second vacancy in office of governor	

Revisor's notes. — In 1971 "lieutenant governor" substituted for "secretary of state" in this article to conform with the 1970 amendment to the state constitution.

**Sec. 44.19.040. Appointment of successor to lieutenant governor.** After taking initial term of office, the governor shall appoint, from among the officers who head the principal departments of the state government or otherwise, a person to succeed to the office of lieutenant governor if the office of lieutenant governor becomes vacant. The appointment is subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature meeting in joint session. The person designated and confirmed is next in line for succession to the office of lieutenant governor, subject to the pleasure of the governor. If a person designated and confirmed is removed from or vacates the appointment, the governor shall appoint a successor subject to confirmation in the same manner as the person initially appointed. (§ 2 ch 174 SLA 1959)

Revisor's notes. — Formerly AS 44.19.120. Renumbered in 1980. Also in 1980, former AS 44.19.040 is renumbered as AS 44.19.022. Collateral references. -- 63C Am. Jur. 2d, Public Officers and Employees, §§ 98, 164, 353, 400, 408. 81A C.J.S., States, §§ 174.

**Sec. 44.19.042. Succession to office.** If a vacancy occurs in the office of governor and a regularly elected lieutenant governor succeeds to the office of governor as provided by Article III, § 11, of the constitution, or if the office of lieutenant governor otherwise becomes vacant, the person designated as next successor to the office of lieutenant governor as provided in AS 44.19.040 succeeds to the office of lieutenant governor for the remainder of the term vacated, or until a special election is held. When the person appointed under AS 44.19.040 succeeds to the office of lieutenant governor, the governor shall appoint a person to succeed to the office of lieutenant governor in case of a subsequent vacancy. (§ 3 ch 174 SLA 1959)

Revisor's notes. — Formerly AS 44.19.130. Renumbered in 1980.

**Sec. 44.19.044. Special election in case of second vacancy in office of governor.** If the regularly elected lieutenant governor succeeds to the office of governor as

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## EMPLOYMENT

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL – CIVIL DIVISION 2003-2005  
*Department of Law, State of Alaska Anchorage & Juneau, Alaska*

- Supervision of all civil legal matters and approximately 140 attorneys for the State of Alaska through thirteen sections within the Civil Division: Collections & Support; Child Protection; Commercial & Fair Business; Environmental; Human Services; Labor & State Affairs; Legislation & Regulations; Natural Resources; Oil, Gas & Mining; Opinions, Appeals & Ethics; Regulatory Affairs & Public Advocacy; Torts & Workers' Compensation; and Transportation

MEMBER/PARTNER 1992-2003  
ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY 1988-1991  
*Owens & Turner, P.C. Anchorage, Alaska*

- Trial, appellate and administrative advocacy in employment relations, commercial disputes and personal injury matters, representing a wide range of public and private sector clients
- Solo and team trials before judges and juries in state and federal courts in Alaska in areas including wage and hour law, employment discrimination, wrongful discharge, business torts, commercial breach of contract and employment-related class actions
- Numerous appeals to the Alaska Supreme Court on issues including whistle blower claims, wage and hour law, tort reform, constitutional law, business torts, defamation, wrongful discharge, punitive damage awards and Alaska Native claims
- Hearings before the United States Department of Labor, the National Association of Securities Dealers, the Alaska Human Rights Commission, the American Arbitration Association and numerous private labor arbitrators under collective bargaining agreements
- Various supervisory and administrative duties associated with private law practice

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY 1987  
LAW CLERK 1985-1987  
*Staley, DeLisio, Cook & Sherry, Inc. Anchorage, Alaska*

- Litigation practice focusing on tort defense and workers compensation

LAW CLERK 1987  
*North Dakota State District Court Grand Forks, North Dakota*

LEGAL INTERN & STAFF ASSISTANT 1986  
*United States Senator Mark Andrews (R-ND) Washington, D.C.*

## BAR ADMISSION

United States Supreme Court 2000  
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit 1988  
United States District Court for the District of Alaska 1987  
State of Alaska 1987

## REPORTED CASES

- *Barios v. Brooks Range Supply, Inc.*, 26 P.3d 1082 (Alaska 2001).
- *Taranto v. North Slope Borough*, 992 P.2d 1111 (Alaska 1999). *cert. denied*, 529 U.S. 1130 (2000).
- *Universal Motors, Inc. v. Neary*, 984 P.2d 515 (Alaska 1999).
- *International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547 v. Alaska Utility Construction, Inc.*, 976 P.2d 852 (Alaska 1999).
- *Alaska Housing Finance Corp. v. Salvucci*, 950 P.2d 1116 (Alaska 1997).
- *Grimes v. Kinney Shoe Corp.*, 938 P.2d 997 (Alaska 1997).
- *Grimes v. Kinney Shoe Corp.*, 902 F. Supp. 1070 (D. Alaska 1995).
- *Capener v. Tanadgusix Corp.*, 884 P.2d 1060 (Alaska 1994).
- *Van Huff v. SOHIO Alaska Petroleum Co.*, 835 P.2d 1181 (Alaska 1992).
- *Zeilinger v. SOHIO Alaska Petroleum Co.*, 823 P.2d 653 (Alaska 1992).
- *McKeown v. Kinney Shoe Corp.*, 820 P.2d 1068 (Alaska 1991).

## EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR

1987

*University of North Dakota  
School of Law*

*Grand Forks, North Dakota*

- Dean's List
- Order of Barristers
- American Jurisprudence Awards in Constitutional Law and Labor Law
- Thormodsgard Memorial Law Award
- Judge Olger B. Burtness Constitutional Law Scholarship
- Regional Semi-Finalist, National Appellate Advocacy Competition
- Eighth Circuit Finalist, National Bicentennial of the Constitution Essay Competition

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

1984

*University of Wisconsin*

*River Falls, Wisconsin*

- Political Science Major
- History Minor
- Research assistant in constitutional and international law

## PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, "Private Rights vs. Public Power: The Role of State Action in Alaska Constitutional Jurisprudence", 7 Alaska L. Rev. 299 (1990).

## PROFESSIONAL

Martindale-Hubbell BV Rating

MEMBER

*Civil Bench-Bar Committee*

2000-PRESENT

*Third Judicial District, State of Alaska*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

PRESIDENT	2000-2003
TREASURER	1992-2000
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	1991-2003
<i>Mabel T. Caverly Senior Center, Inc.</i>	<i>Anchorage, Alaska</i>
PRESIDENT	1992-2003
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	1988-2003
<i>Friends of Independence Mine Foundation</i>	<i>Anchorage, Alaska</i>
VICE PRESIDENT	2003-2005
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	2003-2005
<i>Friends of the Governor's Mansion Foundation</i>	<i>Juneau, Alaska</i>

## GENERAL

- Born October 24, 1958 in Red Wing, Minnesota
- Hobbies include golf, travel, digital photography, and Green Bay Packers football

Monahan  
only attorney supervisor other attorney  
Employment lawyer

Building issues

Risk Mgmt.

As head of Civil Div. provided to Dept Admin

Phone System

Computer Std. on Microsoft

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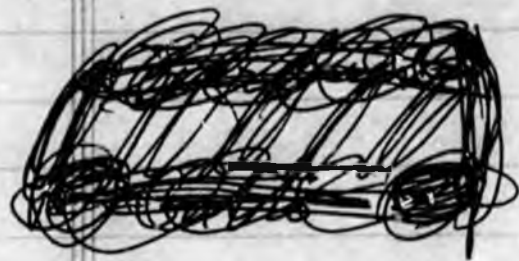
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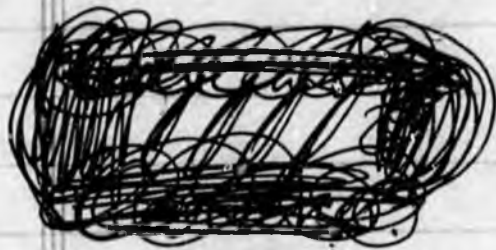
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? New ID to Replace Passport for  
transit or visit to Canada



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Hearing officer right to be members  
of Alaska Bar ??

Sec. 44.19.040. Appointment of successor to lieutenant governor.

Statute text

After taking an initial term of office, the governor shall appoint, from among the officers who head the principal departments of the state government or otherwise, a person to succeed to the office of lieutenant governor **if the office of lieutenant governor becomes vacant**. The appointment is subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature meeting in joint session. The person designated and confirmed is next in line for succession to the office of lieutenant governor, subject to the pleasure of the governor. If the person designated and confirmed is removed from or vacates the appointment, the governor shall appoint a successor subject to confirmation in the same manner as the person initially appointed. (emphasis added)

Sec. 44.19.042. Succession to office.

Statute text

If a vacancy occurs in the office of governor and the regularly elected lieutenant governor succeeds to the office of governor as provided by art. III, § 11, of the constitution, or if the office of lieutenant governor otherwise becomes vacant, the person designated as next successor to the office of lieutenant governor as provided in AS 44.19.040 succeeds to the office of lieutenant governor for the remainder of the term vacated, or until a special election is held. When the person appointed under AS 44.19.040 succeeds to the office of lieutenant governor, the governor shall appoint a person to succeed to the office of lieutenant governor in case of a subsequent vacancy.

It. Gov. designee  
Corbus

### William A. Corbus

Governor Murkowski appointed William A. Corbus as Commissioner of Revenue on December 9, 2002. Mr. Corbus had recently retired as president of Alaska Electric Light and Power Company, the electrical utility for Juneau, where he had worked since 1970. Mr. Corbus served on the Alaska State Pension Investment Board from 1993 to 1999, and on several bank boards in Alaska. He holds a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Stanford University and a master's degree in business administration from the Amos Tuck Graduate School at Dartmouth College. Mr. Corbus is a Navy veteran, and worked in financial planning and accounting at a New York City firm after leaving the Navy in the 1960s. As Revenue Commissioner, Mr. Corbus will serve on the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, in addition to overseeing the tax, investment and public service functions of the 900-employee Department of Revenue.

APOC  
walters  
Resume

# Memorandum

To: Linda Snyder  
From: William Walters  
Via: E-mail  
Date: 5/26/05  
Re: BIO / CV for the Alaska Public Offices Commission

Dear Ms. Snyder,

This is a bio-snippet may be useful:

William Walters is a Hearing Officer in the Northern Regional (Fairbanks) Office of the Workers' Compensation Division, last year stepping down from being the Chief of Adjudications for the Workers' Compensation Division since 1999. Before that he worked for six years in the development of tribal courts for the Tanana Chiefs Conference. He was a Planning and Zoning Commissioner for the Fairbanks North Star Borough from 1988 through 1995. He served on the Alaska Local Boundary Commission from 1995 through 1999. He received his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law, and has 22 years of experience in various fields of administrative law. He has occasionally lectured and taught administrative law and Federal Indian law.

*Curriculum Vitae* for:

**William S. L. Walters**

Tamarack Knoll

93 Roxie Road

Fairbanks Alaska 99709

william\_walters@labor.state.ak.us work

**EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS**

- \* J. D., Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Texas School of Law; 1983.
- \* Licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of the State of Texas; 1983. Continuous active membership.
- \* Post-Graduate Studies, Community and Regional Planning, University of Texas at Austin; 1978-1979.
- \* M.L.S., Master of Library Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; 1976.
- \* B.A., Humanities, Pennsylvania State University; 1974. Graduated with High Distinction.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Hearing Officer**, Worker's Compensation Division, Alaska Department of Labor. Fairbanks, Alaska; 1987-1992; Anchorage, Alaska; March 1996 through October 1996; and Fairbanks, February 1998 through August 1999, and October 2003 through the present. Supervise and administer the division's Northern Regional Office staff. Acting Chief of Adjudication, 1991 and October 2003 through February 2004; Acting Director of the Workers Compensation Division during the change of State administration, December 1990 through February 1991. Administrative law judge chairing Alaska Worker's Compensation Board's formal hearings concerning entitlement to medical benefits, time loss compensation, and vocational rehabilitation. Research and write decisions appealable to the Alaska Superior Court. Refer parties to the Alaska Attorney General and Division of Insurance for unfair claim settlement practice and felony prosecution. Issue stop-work orders against uninsured employers. Staff member responsible for review and editing of draft decisions of other Division hearing officers for consistency, conformity to precedent and statute, reasoning, and clarity. Staff member responsible for developing agency regulations and conducting public comment hearings. Occasionally lectured on workers compensation law, general administrative law, and federal Indian law for professional organizations and the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.

**Chief of Adjudication**, Worker's Compensation Division, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Anchorage, Alaska; August 1999 through October 2003. Supervised statewide adjudication, investigation, and public information programs. Supervised, hired, and evaluated statewide staff of 14, including hearing officers and investigation, mediation, and public information staff. Developed and enforced internal agency policies. Assessed the functioning of the division programs, and their funding needs. Worked with the Commissioner of Labor and the Director to secure funding from the legislature. Implemented the decisions of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board. Responded to legislative and public inquiries. Authorized and coordinated agency legal defense with the state Attorney General's office. Reviewed draft decisions of other Division hearing officers for consistency, conformity to precedent and statute, reasoning, and clarity. Developed agency regulations and conducted public comment hearings. Chaired Alaska Worker's Compensation Board's formal hearings concerning entitlement to medical benefits, time loss compensation, and vocational rehabilitation. Researched and wrote decisions appealable to the

Alaska Superior Court. Referred parties to the Alaska Attorney General and Division of Insurance for unfair claim settlement practice and felony prosecution. Issued stop-work orders against uninsured employers. Developed instructional materials for staff training. Developed instructional materials and occasionally lectured for the National Judicial College and the Alaska Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Program.

**Tribal Court Facilitator / Tribal College Instructor, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc., Village Government Services, Fairbanks, Alaska.** October 1992 through November 1995, and October 1996 through February 1998. Staff specialist providing training and technical assistance developing and operating tribal courts in 43 Athabascan and Inupiat communities of Interior Alaska. Developed formal courses for tribal courts on the handling of child protection and custody cases, and civil regulation. All duties aimed toward developing self-sufficiency in the tribal courts. Developed courses on the operation of tribal governments in Alaska as an element of the Tanana Chiefs development program for the Interior Athabascan Tribal College. Handled occasional administrative duties for the tribal college. Taught courses and units on tribal government and tribal administration for the tribal college, cross-listed with the University of Alaska at Fairbanks. Occasionally guest-lectured for the University of Alaska on a variety of topics. Surveyed court needs; aided the development of village ordinances; monitored all cases handled in the region; trained court clerks, judges and council members on judicial theory and practice; aided drafting forms and procedures; and negotiated appellate procedures. Wrote grant proposals, and administered grant funds. Occasionally acted as director of the village government services division in the absence of other administrators.

**Tribal College Administrator, Interior Athabascan Tribal College of the Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc., Fairbanks, Alaska.** Interim administrator, November 1995 through March 1996. Administrator for a developing tribal college providing training in tribal government operations, administration and financial management, and technical support services necessary for remote villages. Administered college budget, developed curriculum, supervised instructors, taught academic units on Federal Indian law and tribal governments in Alaska, and arranged affiliation with other tribal and state institutions to provide academic credit for courses.

**Hearing Officer and Legal Researcher, W. Walters' Services, Fairbanks, Alaska; 1986-1987, and 1994-1995.** Proprietor of small business providing administrative law adjudication, legal education, legal support services for local law firms, legal research, mediation services, and representation in administrative law matters.

#### **ACADEMIC PROGRAM CERTIFICATION AS AN INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD**

National Judicial College  
Department of Rural Development, University of Alaska at Fairbanks  
Department of Alaska Native Studies, University of Alaska at Fairbanks  
Department of Political Science, University of Alaska at Fairbanks  
Rural College, Interior-Aleutians Campus, University of Alaska at Fairbanks  
Navajo Community College

#### **COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT FOR THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE ( these courses are team-taught )**

Essential Skills for Alaska Tribal Court Judges: Courses in 2001 and 2002.

**COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT FOR THE INTERIOR ATHABASCAN TRIBAL COLLEGE** ( these courses were team-taught )

Tribal Administrator Training I	#193
Tribal Administrator Training II	#193
Tribal Governments in Alaska	#393
Nulato Tribal Governance Training	#199
Tribal Jurisdiction: the Prevention of Domestic Violence	#193
Tribal Court Development	#195

**COURSE DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT FOR THE ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

( one of several sessions in a professional development program in October 2000 )

Seminar on the History and Development of Workers' Compensation. October, 2000.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Walters, William. Tribal Court Hearing Procedure in Alaska: Resource Packet.  
Reno, Nevada: National Judicial College, 2002. Resource packet for Alaska tribal governments.

Walters, William. Tribal Court Hearing Procedure in Alaska.  
Reno, Nevada: National Judicial College, 2001. Course-related instructional materials.

Walters, William. Tribal Courts: In the Interest of Our Children.  
Fairbanks: Tanana Chiefs Conference, 1994. A judges' manual for children's cases in tribal court.

Walters, William. Traditional Tribal Adoptions and Birth Certificates.  
Fairbanks, Tanana Chiefs Conference, 1994. Pamphlet.

Walters, William. Foundations of Indian Country: Tribal Jurisdiction in Alaska: Outline and Instructional Materials. Fairbanks, Tanana Chiefs Conference, 1997.

Walters, William. Tribal Court Development: A Handbook on Indian Law for Alaska Tribes.  
Fairbanks, Tanana Chiefs Conference, 1997.

William Walters, exec. producer. Animal Songs: The Law by Which We Live. Videotape.  
Fairbanks: Tanana Chiefs Conference, 1994. A discussion of the traditional law in the Athabascan "Animal Songs" by Traditional Chief Peter John.

William Walters, exec. producer. Tribal Courts: In the Interest of Our Children. Videotape.  
Fairbanks: Tanana Chiefs Conference, 1994. An introduction to children's cases in tribal court.

**ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Appeals Referee**, Appeals Department, Texas Employment Commission, Austin, Texas; 1983-1986. Administrative law judge for the Texas Employment Commission. Conducted hearings and wrote decisions on unemployment insurance, labor disputes, fraud and tax liability. Frequently conducted multi-lingual translated hearings. Conducted hearings and prepared findings of fact for administrators under agency formal grievance procedures. Researched and prepared agency memoranda concerning administrative law.

**Law Clerk**, Legal Aid Society of Central Texas, Austin, Texas; 1980-82. Researched legal issues in housing, credit, family, employment, civil rights, public entitlement, and immigration law; prepared and drafted legal documents and memoranda; interviewed clients; assisted in preparing brief and trial preparation.

**Notice Writer**, Appeals Department, Texas Employment Commission. Analyzed and researched legal issues, determined parties in interest, and arranged hearings.

**Editorial Research Assistant**, Checklist of Human Rights Documents, published by the University of Texas Law School, Tarlton Library; 1980. Located and evaluated international human rights documents, and prepared annotations and bibliographic information for publication.

**Welfare Rights Information Officer**, Community Service Volunteers/Social Work Department, Oban, Scotland; 1979. Contacted clients in isolated rural communities to explain and assist in securing benefits from various British social welfare programs, and acted as an advocate before administrative tribunals.

**Outreach Consultant**, Rural and Hispanic library development, Hidalgo County Library System, Texas; 1977-78.

**Peace Corps District Librarian**, St. Lucia, West Indies; 1977.

**Library Director**, of the South Waco Branch Library, Waco, Texas; 1976-77.

At various times: beekeeper, steelworker, miner, security guard, grounds keeper, assistant tree surgeon, assistant electrician, and meeting house warden.

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE HISTORY** (current and in recent years)

**Commission Member**, Local Boundary Commission, State of Alaska 1995 - 1999

**Planning Commissioner**, Fairbanks North Star Borough

**Corporation Member**, American Friends Service Committee

**Member**, College of the State Bar of Texas, 1996.

**Member**, Lawyers Support Network, Amnesty International U.S.A.

**Service Volunteer**, Breadline, Inc., Fairbanks, Alaska and Bean's Café, Anchorage, Alaska

#### **LANGUAGES**

Moderate command of Spanish, and some exposure to Classical Greek, Norwegian, and German.

## **INTERESTS / RECENT ACTIVITIES**

Tenor, Sacred Harp Vocal Music Group, Fairbanks.

Member of the Chena Ridge Friends Meeting (Quakers), Fairbanks.

Lector for St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Fairbanks, and St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Anchorage.

Traveled in North, Central, and South American, the Caribbean, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Africa.

Enjoy a variety of outdoor sports including dogsledding and wilderness travel in the winter; and river canoe trips, kayaking, and some sailing in the summer.

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.

**CONFIRM.  
PERSONNEL  
BOARD,  
A. TAMAGNI**

# CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

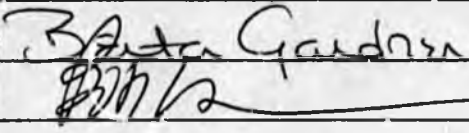
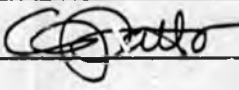
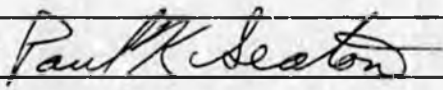
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The State Affairs Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following Governor's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

### Personnel Board

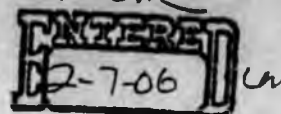
Mr. Alfred L. Tamagni, Sr. - Anchorage  
Appointed: 3/1/2006 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

This does not reflect intent by any of the members to vote for or against this individual during any further sessions for the purposes of confirmation.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
	Gardner LYNN
	Sato
Chair: 	SEATON
Chair:	

Please return to the Chief Clerk's office.

Personnel  
Tamagni  
Kudic



Al Tamagni Sr.  
7001 Oakwood Dr.  
Anchorage, AK 99507

February 7, 2006

The Honorable Frank Murkowski  
The Governor of Alaska  
550 W 7th Avenue  
Suite 1700  
Anchorage, AK 99501


Dear Governor Murkowski:

I am writing you as an applicant for an appointment to the State Personnel Board, State of Alaska.

I have enclosed my Resume for your review and consideration. I offer my services in the event you need a qualified person to fill a position on this board, and will provide service to the best of my abilities.

Thanking your for your considerations.

Respectfully Yours:

  
Al Tamagni Sr.

Cc: file

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

FEB 07 2006

Resume of  
Alfred L. Tamagni Sr.  
7001 Oakwood Dr.  
Anchorage, AK 99507  
Ph: Hm. 1-907-349-1736  
Wk. 1-907-562-3938

Personal

Date of Birth: 03/25/1939 Reno, Nevada

Wife Name: Dolores

Marital Status: Married

Alaska Residency: 07/1976

Children: (3) Al Jr., Michael & Donalee (adults)

Education:

Grammar School: Yerington, Nevada:

High School: Yerington, Nevada: Graduated 1957

College: University of Nevada, Reno NV: 1957-1958 Agriculture  
Shasta College, Redding CA: 1959-1962 Business Admin.

Work History:

June: 1958 - September 1962: Worked in grocery Store and Iron Mine in Yerington, Nevada during the summers while attending College.

September 1962 - April 1963: Attended Military active duty at Ford Ord California for the Nevada National Guard.

April 1963 - July 1967: Employee and assistant Manager  
Safeway Stores Inc.  
Reno, Nevada

July 1967 - April 1972: Licensing Inspector  
City of Sparks, Nevada  
( during this time I was activated for the Pueblo Crisis in North Korea, 7 months)

May 1972 - May 1976: General Manager, part Owner  
Sav- Time Markets  
Sparks, Nevada

July 1976 - July 1978: Grocery Manager  
Carrs Quality Centers  
Anchorage, AK

July 1978 - April 1980: Self employed as a Labor Consultant and Business Owner with locations in the E mond Center and other Malls.

April 1980 - July 1982: The Equitable, Insurance Broker

July 1982 - Current: Owner of Financial Diversified Insurance Brokerage Firm.  
Owner of Pension Services Int'l Benefits Administration and Design Firm.

**Civic Activities:**

Scout Master, Troop 200, 1983 - 1988.  
Chairman and Member of Abbott Loop Council: 1980- Current.  
Federation of Community Councils Board Member: 1982 - Current ( held various offices).  
Alaskan's for Liability Reform, founding Member, Chairman: 1986-1997.  
Member and Chairman, Anchorage Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals 1986 - 1992.  
Chairman of Alaska Labor Relations Agency Board: 1993 - 2000.  
Anchorage School District Board review Committee, Chairman: 1998-1999.  
Anchorage Comprehensive Plan Committee. 1998-2000.  
Alaska Chiropractic Peer Review Committee: 1999- 2004.  
AMATS Advisory Ranking Committee 1999, 2001, 2003  
Anchorage on the Move, improving public involvement in transportation planning: 1999.  
Anchorage School District Capital Projects Committee: 2001- current.

**Professional Associations:**

Insurance Association of Alaska, Member, Chairman (1997-2006).  
Member: National Institute of Pension Administrators, Current.  
National Structured Settlement Trade Association: 1986- Current.  
Member of National Federation of Independent Business, Alaska Leadership Council

**Military:** Served in Nevada National Guard from 1962- 1970, activated by President Johnson for a period of 1 year due to Pueblo Crisis.

**Licensing:** All Lines of Insurance Alaska. National Association of Security Dealers License (NASD) Series 6.22 & 63.

**CONFIRM.  
PUBLIC  
DEFENDER  
Q. STEINER**

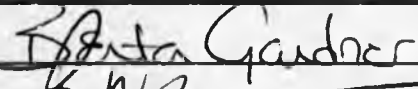
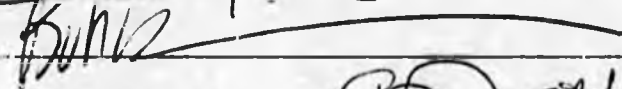
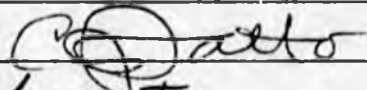
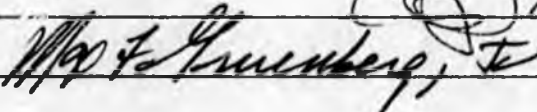
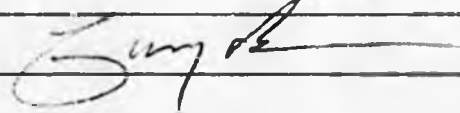
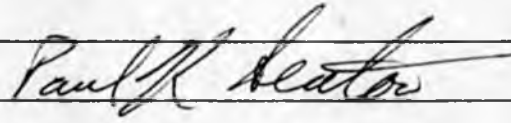
## CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: 2/21/06

The State Affairs Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following Governor's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Public Defender**  
**Mr. Quinlan Steiner**  
 Appointed: 10/14/2005    Term Expires: 10/14/2009

This does not reflect intent by any of the members to vote for or against this individual during any further sessions for the purposes of confirmation.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
	Gardner
	LYNN
	GATTO
	Sruenbery
	RAMRAS.
Chair: 	SEATON
Chair:	

Please return to the Chief Clerk's office.



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives


Office of the Chief Clerk

State Capitol, Room 216  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182  
Phone: (907) 465-3725  
Fax: (907) 465-5334

## MEMORANDUM

Date: January 30, 2006

To: Representative Seaton, Chair  
State Affairs Committee

From: Suzi Lowell  
Chief Clerk 

Subject: Governor's Appointment

Speaker Harris referred the following Governor's appointment to the State Affairs Committee:

**Public Defender**  
Mr. Quinlan Steiner  
Appointed: 10/14/2005 Term Expires: 10/14/2009

The resume and committee report are attached for your use.

Attachments as noted

Public Defender  
Steiner

### Alaska Judicial Council Application for Public Defender Appointment

Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:

Alaska Public Defender

Date: May 31, 2005

#### I. Public Information (Questions 1-24)

##### Personal

1. (a) State full name\* Quinlan Gary Steiner  
 Name as it should appear on bar survey: Quinlan Steiner  
 \* Unless otherwise specified, this is how your name will appear on the bar survey.
- (b) Have you ever used or been known by any other name? If so, please identify  
No.

2. How long have you been a resident of the State of Alaska immediately preceding the date of this application? \*\*
- |       |                 |                 |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
|       | <u>39</u> years | <u>0</u> months |
| Total | <u>39</u> years | <u>0</u> months |
3. How long have you been engaged in the active practice of law immediately preceding the date of this application? \*\*
- |       |                |                 |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|
|       | <u>6</u> years | <u>9</u> months |
| Total | <u>6</u> years | <u>9</u> months |

##### Nonlegal Education

4. State names and dates of attendance of all colleges and professional schools (other than law schools) ever attended and degrees and dates conferred. List any honors.

Seattle University - Winter 1988 through Spring 1989 - B.A. Business Administration.

University of Alaska, Anchorage - Fall 1992 through Spring 1993, Spring 1987 through Fall 1987.

University of Colorado, Boulder - Fall 1984 through Fall 1986.

\*\* See AS 22.10.090; see also 1984 Inf. Op. Atty. Gen. (July 19; 366-624-84).

**Legal Education**

- 5. List all law schools, dates attended and degrees conferred. If you did not receive a degree from any law school, please indicate.

Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College - J.D. 1998

- 6. (a) Did you receive any honors in law school or belong to any honorary societies or groups?  
 Yes  No If yes, please give details.

[Empty box for details of honors or societies]

- (b) Have you taken any CLE (continuing legal education) courses during the past five years?  
 Yes  No

Please describe or list. Please do not attach individual certificates of attendance.

I have attended the Public Defender Conference each year I have been practicing law. Additionally, I have attended the following CLEs: Power Editing (2002), On the Record Bench/Bar (2003, 2004, 2005), Effective Brief Writing (2004), US Supreme Court Opinions & Alaska Constitutional Law (2004), ATLA - Advocating for a Bright-Line Rule (2005).

**Military**

- 7. Have you served in the armed forces (reserves or otherwise)?  Yes  No

If so, please provide the following information:

- (a) Dates of service: \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Branch of service: \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Rank at time of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Type of military discharge: \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Awards or citations: \_\_\_\_\_

[Empty box for awards or citations]

- (f) Have you ever been refused admission to or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable discharge?  Yes  No If so, state the details.

[Empty box for details of refusal of admission]

### Nonlegal Employment

8. Describe major nonlegal working experience. If you had a business or association that has been discontinued, please note whether there are unpaid debts or claims pending litigation.

National Bank of Alaska - Loan Officer/Management Trainee - July 1990 through July 1992.

Northwest Deck Construction - Co-owner - 1988 through 1989 (no unpaid debts, claims, or pending litigation).

## Legal Experience

9. Describe chronologically your legal employment since admission to law school. Please provide dates, name of employer, name of supervisor or person who can verify employment, addresses, the reason you left the position, and a brief description of type of practice (i.e., insurance defense, criminal, appellate, general, litigation, etc.) for each position listed below.

The Council will ask for comments from your current and former employers about your employment and your judicial qualifications. You may choose to list other persons as character and professional references in response to Question 20 of this application.

If the supervisor or contact person asks (in writing) that the letter be shared with the governor, the Council will send designated letters for each nominee. The applicant should not request a copy of the letter from the reference. References or letters not solicited by the Council are considered public (with few exceptions) and will be sent to the governor for all nominees.

### Current Employer: Alaska Public Defender Agency

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Margi Mock

Current address of this person: 900 W. 5th Ave., Suite 200

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates of Employment: From August 1998 To Current

Description: Assistant Public Defender - Appeals

### Previous Employers: *(In chronological order, most recent first)*

Employer: Steven Ungar, Attorney at Law

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Steven Ungar

Current address of this person: 601 S.W. Second Avenue

City Portland State OR Zip 97204

Dates of Employment: From February 1998 To February 1998

Description: Isolated research project - Criminal law.

Reason for Leaving: Project completed.

Employer: Alaska Public Defender Agency

Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Margi Mock

Current address of this person: 900 W. 5th Ave., Suite 200

City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501

Dates of Employment: From June 1997 To December 1997

Description: Criminal Law Externship - Bail Attorney/Appeals

Reason for Leaving: End of Externship.

Previous Employers (continued)

Employer: Averil Lerman, Attorney at Law  
 Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: Averil Lerman  
 Current address of this person: Office of Public Advocacy, 900 W. 5th Ave.  
 City Anchorage State AK Zip 99501  
 Dates of Employment: From Summer 1996 To \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description: Legal Intern - Research/Writing (criminal law).

Reason for Leaving: To return to law school.

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Supervisor or name of contact person who can verify employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current address of this person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates of Employment: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

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 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates of Employment: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

10. For the past five years, please indicate (approximately) the following:

(a) Percent of your practice that was:

Civil	_____
Criminal	100
Other	_____
	= 100%

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Percent:

State	100
Federal	_____
Other	_____
	= 100%

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Of practice in state courts, percent:

Supreme Court	20
Court of Appeals	70
Superior Court	5
District Court	5
	= 100%

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Frequency of appearance in court:

Regularly       Occasionally       Infrequently       Not at All

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Number of trials (by court or jury) you conducted in the past 5 years:

None       1-5       6-15       16-30       31 or more

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Percent of these trials which were: Jury 100      Non-Jury \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Approximate number of appellate matters handled: 50-60

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

(h) Approximate number of arbitrations or administrative hearings:

None       1-5       6-15       16-30       31 or more

Briefly describe type of matters heard:

\_\_\_\_\_

(i) Have you undertaken any *pro bono* work through a *pro bono* legal service provider (e.g. Alaska Legal Services, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, etc.) during this period?       Yes       No

Describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

11. List all the courts and administrative tribunals in the United States or elsewhere to which you are or have been admitted to practice, and the dates of admission.

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**Public Service**

12. List bar associations, and sections and committees of which you are or have been a member or officer.

Alaska Bar Association

13. List legal publications, if any (give title, subject and date of publications).

14. Have you ever applied for a judgeship?  Yes  No

Please list dates and judgeships applied for, as well as whether you were nominated by the Judicial Council and appointed.

Judgeship	Date	Nominated By Council (Y/N)	Appointed By Governor (Y/N)

15. Have you ever held public or political office, elective or appointive?  Yes  No

If so, state office, manner selected, and when and where held.

16. Please provide the Council with information that you would like the Council to consider about other legal and nonlegal organizations and clubs of which you are a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Please indicate whether you participate in the organization's activities, or simply hold a membership. Your involvement in the community is one of the criteria the Council uses in its evaluations. The Council does not use affiliation with a particular group as a criterion except to the extent that it might raise questions of conflict of interest or would affect an applicant's ability to impartially apply the law.

17. Indicate (Yes or No) whether you have ever:

- (a) been arrested, charged with, pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to, or been convicted of the violation of any law or ordinance, or been requested to appear before any prosecuting or investigative agency in connection with any matter in any jurisdiction, including all traffic offenses, unless the fine was less than \$50 and there were no other sanctions?  
 Yes  No
- (b) failed to answer any summons or other legal process served upon you personally at any time?  Yes  No
- (c) as a member of any armed forces, been the subject of any charges which may have resulted in disciplinary action or court martial?  Yes  No

- (d) had any proceedings brought to have you declared a ward of any court or adjudged an incompetent?  Yes  No  
 If your answer is "yes" to any part of this question, state the facts in detail. Give the name and place of the court or agency, dates of the beginning and end of any action or proceeding, case numbers, and the judgment or other disposition.

I have been issued traffic citations. I do not know the dates of the citations, but I received one speeding citation about five years ago.

- 18. (a) Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities?  Yes  No  
 In particular, have you been the subject of any proceeding, criminal or civil, initiated against you by the Internal Revenue Service or a State Tax Office?  Yes  No  
 If so, give particulars, including case numbers.

- (b) Have you ever been sued by a client?  Yes  No  
 If so, give particulars, including case numbers

- (c) Have you ever been a party in any other legal proceeding?  Yes  No  
 If so, give the particulars. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a party in interest, including petitioner or respondent in dissolution or divorce proceedings; a material witness; a named co-conspirator or correspondent; and subject or witness in any grand jury proceedings. Do not list proceedings in which you were sued only in a representative capacity (e.g. guardian ad litem, or as Commissioner of Natural Resources).

19. State the nature and disposition of any of the following actions which apply to you:

(a) Are there any unsatisfied judgments against you?  Yes  No  
Have you ever defaulted in the performance of any court-imposed obligation, including payment of alimony or child support or compliance with another court order or decree?

Yes  No

In each case, list the name and address of the creditor, the court which rendered the judgment, the case number, the date, the amount of the judgment, and the circumstances on which such claim was based.

Has property owned by you been either judicially or non-judicially foreclosed?

Yes  No

Please state the circumstances and outcome of any such unsatisfied or default judgment, or of any foreclosure.

[Empty rectangular box for providing details of judgments or foreclosures]

(b) Have you ever made an assignment for the benefit of creditors?  Yes  No

Have you ever filed any petition in bankruptcy?  Yes  No

If so, state the circumstances, case number, and the outcome.

[Empty rectangular box for providing details of assignments or bankruptcy petitions]

### References and Counsel Questionnaires\*

- \* **Please Note:** Letters of reference from these persons are confidential and will not be given to the applicant. If the reference asks (in writing) that the letter be shared with the governor, the Council will send designated letters and counsel questionnaires for each nominee. The applicant should not request a copy of the letter from the reference. (You should not list the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.)

References or letters not solicited by the Council are considered public (with few exceptions) and will be sent to the governor for all nominees.

20. (a) List the names, addresses, including zip codes, and phone numbers of two persons whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your general character and background.

Name: Danielle Ryman  
 Address: 310 K Street, Suite 200  
 City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK Phone: 264-6726

Name: John Conway  
 Address: 9739 Hialeah Dr.  
 City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK Phone: 277-9739

- (b) List the names, addresses, including zip codes, and phone numbers of three other persons whom the Judicial Council may contact who can discuss your professional competence and qualifications for a judicial position.

Name: Margi Mock  
 Address: 900 W. 5th Avenue, Suite 200  
 City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK Phone: 334-4400

Name: Averil Lerman  
 Address: 900 W. 5th Avenue - Office of Public Advocacy  
 City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK Phone: 269-3500

Name: David Stewart  
 Address: 303 K Street  
 City/State/Zip: Anchorage, AK Phone: 264-0612

**References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)**

(c) List the names, addresses, including zip codes, and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent cases that have gone to trial. (Applicants who are currently judges should list the three most recent trials they presided over.) List only those cases which have gone to trial within the past three years. Please include the judge's name and case names and numbers. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

**Case Number 1**

Case Name: My most recent trial was Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
v. more that three years ago Judge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Number 2**

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
v. \_\_\_\_\_ Judge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Number 3**

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
v. \_\_\_\_\_ Judge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attorneys Involved:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

References and Counsel Questionnaires (continued)

- (d) List the names, addresses, including zip codes, and suite numbers where applicable, and phone numbers of each attorney involved in your three most recent cases that did not go to trial but in which you did significant work. (Applicants who are currently judges should list the three most recent cases they presided over that did not go to trial but in which they did significant work.) Please include the judge's name and case names and numbers. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Case Number 1

Case Name: Damyan Riggins Case Number: A-8701  
 v. State of Alaska Judge Name: Court of Appeals

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>John Scukanec</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>OSPA, 310 K Street</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 2

Case Name: Jamar Howard Case Number: A-8491  
 v. State of Alaska Judge Name: Court of Appeals

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Ken Rosenstein</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>OSPA, 310 K Street</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Case Number 3

Case Name: Kevin Dell Case Number: A-8399  
 v. State of Alaska Judge Name: Court of Appeals

Attorneys Involved:

Name: <u>Teresia Chleborad</u>	Name: _____
Address: <u>OSPA, 310 K Street</u>	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: <u>Anchorage, AK 99501</u>	City, State, Zip: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

### Writing Sample

21. Attach one example of a brief, memorandum of law, or legal opinion or similar example of legal writing (10-20 pages in length; 15-25 pages for appellate positions) prepared solely by you within the last five years. If you do not have a good sample of this length, include an excerpt from a longer writing. Make sure the sample contains sufficient facts to make it understandable.

Please do not submit: (a) coauthored writing samples, (b) samples with confidential information unless redacted to remove such information, (c) longer writing samples.

22. Has any **public** sanction been imposed against you in response to a complaint, charge or grievance brought against you as an attorney or a judge?  Yes  No

Have formal grievance procedures been brought against you?  Yes  No

See Bar Rule 22(b) & (e) concerning public grievance procedures against attorneys, and AS 22.30.011(b) and .060(b)(3) concerning public grievance procedures against judges.

Have you ever been held in contempt of court?  Yes  No

In each case, state in detail the circumstances and the outcome.

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### Additional Comments (Non-Confidential)

23. Please make any additional comments that you wish to bring to the Council's attention about your experience and suitability for this judgeship.

I began working at the Public Defender as a legal intern during law school, conducting bail hearings and drafting appellate arguments. I was able to conduct an oral argument before the Alaska Court of Appeals before I returned to school. After law school, I started in the appellate section of the Agency, drafting appeals and representing parole clients. I then managed a trial case load in Anchorage and for St. Paul Island. During that time, I conducted trials in District and Superior Court.

Following the trial case load, I returned to the appellate section. As an attorney in the appellate section, I am responsible for drafting appeals and conducting oral argument before the Alaska Court of Appeals and the Alaska Supreme Court on all types of cases, including unclassified felonies. I also consult with trial attorneys on legal issues that arise during litigation and the Public Defender on pending legislation and other legal issues affecting the Agency. I have also trained and supervised legal interns and new attorneys hired to represent our parole clients. Additionally, I have assisted in planning the Public Defender Conference, developing and implementing a training session specifically designed for the Agency's new lawyers.

**Additional Comments (Continued)**



24. Please prepare a brief biographical statement (limited to 150 words) about your background, legal education, and legal experience. Your picture and a copy of this statement will be scanned and posted on the Council's website after the application deadline. In its Bar survey, the Council will invite attorneys to review the information if they wish to become more familiar with your background and experience. Use the form on the following page for your biographical statement. Please leave the box at the top empty. The Council will use this space for your scanned picture.

### Biographical Statement



Name Quinlan Steiner

Position(s) for which you wish to be considered:

Alaska Public Defender

Date: May 31, 2005

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old, married, and a fourth-generation Alaskan. I received a B.A. in Business Administration from Seattle University in 1989. I received my J.D. from Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College in 1998. Prior to attending law school, I worked as a loan officer for the National Bank of Alaska in Juneau. I started with the Alaska Public Defender Agency as an intern during law school, conducting bail hearings, representing clients on parole and probation, and drafting appeals. I began working for the Agency after graduating from law school. I have managed a trial caseload in Anchorage and for St. Paul Island, trying cases in both District and Superior Court. I am currently working in the appellate unit. As an appellate attorney, I practice before the Alaska Court of Appeals and the Alaska Supreme Court.

### Certification and Waiver

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided on this application is true and complete; and that I am a citizen of the United States and of the State, and will be eligible to be licensed to practice law in Alaska at the time of expected appointment (Ak. Const. Art IV; § 4).

I waive any privilege of confidentiality I may have with respect to information concerning my qualifications for judicial office that the Judicial Council may desire to obtain. I specifically authorize the Council to obtain and examine my personnel files from current and past employers, including all files maintained by the Alaska Court System, and to obtain information, records and documents regarding me from any credit reporting agency, any law enforcement agency, any bar association, any occupational licensing board, any educational institution, and any disciplinary body, including specifically the Alaska Bar Association and the Alaska Judicial Conduct Commission. I further authorize these institutions, organizations, and individuals, and any other institutions, organizations and individuals to make available to the Council all confidential and non-confidential documents, records and information concerning me that the Council may request.



Signature of Applicant

Quinlan Steiner

Typed Name

5.31.05

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of May, 2005.



Notary Public, State of Alaska

My Commission expires:

July 31 2008



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**Court of Appeals**  
*State of Alaska*

DAVID STEWART, JUDGE

303 "K" STREET  
 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
 99501  
 907-264-0781

June 24, 2005

Larry Cohn  
 Executive Director  
 Alaska Judicial Council  
 1029 W. Third Ave., Suite 201  
 Anchorage, Alaska 99501-1969

RE: Quinlan Steiner

Dear Mr. Cohn:

I first met Quinlan Steiner when he was an intern with the Public Defender Agency. In the years since then, Mr. Steiner has continuously represented clients in the Court of Appeals. As a result, I am familiar with his work through the briefs that he has filed and through the cases in which he has participated in oral argument. I have also attended various administrative and committee meetings at which Mr. Steiner has represented the Public Defender Agency.

I draw several conclusions about Mr. Steiner from these contacts. The quality of his work is excellent. His briefs are well-written. His arguments are thorough, fair, and sound. He possesses outstanding judgment and first-rate legal skills. In short, he is a consummate professional.

I believe that Mr. Steiner's work has shown that he understands the subject matter that the Public Defender Agency handles. When this knowledge is combined with his financial experience, I have no doubt that Mr. Steiner has the skills to serve as the Public Defender. If I served on the Council, I would vote in favor of Mr. Steiner's candidacy. If the Council does refer Mr. Steiner to Governor Murkowski, please provide this letter to the Governor.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Stewart".

David Stewart



13 September 2005

Larry Cohn  
Executive Director  
Alaska Judicial Council  
1029 W.3rd Ave., Suite 201  
Anchorage, AK 99501-1969

Re: Recommendation of Quinlan Steiner for Public Defender

Dear Mr. Cohn (and other members of the Judicial Council),

I submit this letter in support of Quinlan Steiner, who is seeking appointment to the post of Public Defender. I have, of course, the utmost respect and admiration for *all* of the candidates, three of whom I have had the pleasure of working with on an occasional to regular basis (Ms. Linda Wilson, Quinlan Steiner, and David Reineke). And, although each of the candidates for this position is extremely well-qualified and dedicated, I believe that Quinlan would be best-suited for this appointment.

I have spoken with Quinlan in the past with respect to various current legal issues (*e.g.*, *Blakely* and its impact upon Alaska's sentencing scheme). Quinlan is well-versed in the law and takes a very pragmatic, yet zealous and professional approach to its implementation.

I also have spoken with Quinlan concerning what appears to be the negative perception that some prosecutors and criminal defense attorneys have concerning the mission with which each practitioner is charged. Quinlan, however, appears to take no such view; he vigorously fights the good fight both intellectually and practically on behalf of his clients, all the while conducting himself with the highest degree of professionalism towards his colleagues across the aisle. These qualities have not gone unnoticed and as a result, I believe that if Quinlan were to be appointed as the next Public Defender, he would, by such example, foster even more professional good will between prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers.

Finally, no one who hasn't already held the position as Public Defender can walk right in and easily handle such a position.



Quinlan, nevertheless, is very intelligent and articulate, and his quiet resolve lends itself particularly well to quickly learning and excelling at all of the duties and responsibilities that accompany this highly important position within the criminal justice system.

In sum, all of the above referenced qualities, along with his obvious desire to do good, lead me to conclude that Quinlan is best-suited to be the next Public Defender. I have tremendous respect for him - and for all of the candidates - and trust he will be given the consideration he deserves. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ken Diemer  
Assistant Attorney General, OSPA



October 11, 2005

Teri Cams  
Senior Staff Associate  
Alaska Judicial Council  
1029 W. Third Avenue, Suite 201  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-1969

Re: Application of Quinlan Steiner for Public Defender

Dear Ms. Cams:

I received a letter from the Alaska Judicial Council asking me to provide a personal and professional reference for Quinlan Steiner and to comment on his qualifications for the position of Director of the Alaska Public Defender Agency. I am very pleased to do so.

In 1997 while still in law school, Quinlan was hired by then-Director John Salemi for a six-month internship in trial court and appeals. During his tenure, Quinlan distinguished himself by his work ethic, his exceptionally good judgment, and his tenacious advocacy on behalf of parolees and misdemeanor clients. He also excelled in appellate advocacy. Many Agency interns have written briefs that were filed in the Court of Appeals. But we were so impressed with Quinlan's abilities that he became the first (and only) intern allowed to argue a client's case before the Court of Appeals—and he won! He is also the only intern who was guaranteed a full-time position before he graduated and passed the Bar. Quinlan did return to the Agency the next year. Although he has had other employment offers during the ensuing years and will not, I suspect, be a "career public defender", he has remained solidly committed to the Agency's mission to provide high quality representation to indigent defendants in every area encompassed within the Agency's statute. Quinlan has practiced before the parole board, the trial courts, and the Court of Appeals and Supreme Courts. He has also worked on CINA cases. In short, Quinlan has experience in every facet of public defender work.

From his first days at the Agency, Quinlan has demonstrated the high degree of integrity that is essential for the Director of the Public Defender Agency. Quinlan believes in the legal and moral strength of the criminal justice system and that the legal system stands or falls on the adherence of the participants to highest ethical standards. He never deviates from those standards. He is scrupulously honest with the courts, opposing counsel, and his clients. Quinlan also has a well-deserved reputation for assuming responsibility and for reliably following through with his commitments. For example, I recently needed to get some temporary help with a number of cases that were ready for briefing at the same time. Although I was promised that someone could

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be hired, I was told that the only individuals who were available had no appellate experience. When I told Quinlan of my problem, he promised he would take immediate, active efforts to find someone. Before the week was out, Quinlan delivered as promised. He sought out a bright and talented former Alaska Supreme Court law clerk who was looking for part-time work. She's proved to be a godsend. If my experience is any example, Quinlan will reestablish the crucial practice employed by former directors Brian Shortell and Dana Fabe of actively recruiting new, energetic legal talent from among the court's law clerks. Like Quinlan, these new lawyers come with an excitement for the job and new ways of looking at issues. Both the Agency and the clients will benefit from renewed vitality and commitment to defense work.

Over the past ten years as state revenues have contracted and the Agency caseload has expanded, the primary task for the Director—at least from October to May—has become to prepare the Agency's annual budget and defend it before the legislature. Most public defenders have little or no interest in accounting or finance. Quinlan is the only assistant public defender on staff who has a background in finance and who understands the budgetary process. (To my knowledge, he's the only assistant public defender who actually balances his checkbook!) In addition, Quinlan's extensive experience in defending his clients' legal issues in the appellate courts will be invaluable when performing the director's task of testifying before the legislature on the impact and constitutionality of proposed legislation. Quinlan is very adept at explaining his position and answering the most penetrating and confrontational questions without reacting negatively or losing his composure. He also handles "unfriendly" questions from the court without losing his sense of humor—a particularly desirable quality when testifying before the judiciary and finance committees.

Ideally, the Director of the Agency should be someone to whom staff attorneys can turn for assistance in analyzing issues and brainstorming trial strategy. Quinlan already occupies that position in the Agency. He has an excellent legal mind and extensive knowledge of criminal law and criminal procedures. He is known as having argued and won more appeals than any other lawyer in the office. Thus, he is the lawyer in the office to whom all public defenders and many private defense attorneys turn when they need help with their cases or when they need to analyze an ethical question. Quinlan's judgment and knowledge has qualified him to become part of the "brain trust," a group of experienced attorneys who meet with the Director on a discuss the Agency's policy and position on legal issues that arise. Quinlan's particular talent in that group is using his exceptionally sound judgment to point out the pros and cons of every position espoused in the debates. Quinlan is not only highly regarded and sought out by the older more experienced attorneys in the Agency, he is respected by the newer assistant public defenders. Several years ago, Quinlan approached another lawyer with the suggestion that they set up training sessions for new attorneys at the annual Public Defender conference. The two of them now annually train new attorneys in everything from jury voir dire, to cross-examination, to closing arguments. In fact, Quinlan wrote the training manual. The training is extremely popular and evaluations of the course from the participants indicate that it is very helpful.



The most important qualification for a Director is the ability to lead the Agency's lawyers. Quinlan certainly has the legal experience to do so. He has been working at the Agency for eight years. Only one of the Directors with whom I have worked during my twenty-plus years at the Agency had more than eight years experience before being appointed. That person was Barbara Brink, who had practiced for approximately ten years. Quinlan also has the necessary legal skills for the job. He has practiced in both the trial court and the appellate court, and has a breadth of legal knowledge that has made him the resource for attorneys seeking legal advice and assistance with their cases. While Quinlan's supervisory experience since he joined the Agency has been limited to overseeing the work of the parole attorney and Agency interns, he did have prior supervisory experience before going to law school. More importantly, Agency directors traditionally have allowed staff attorneys to remain autonomous in their practice and have refrained from actively micromanaging their cases. In positions other than that of misdemeanor supervisor, the term "supervisor" is somewhat of a misnomer. A "supervisor" at the Agency primarily acts as a resource for the less experienced lawyers in their sections who are seeking advice on how to handle a particular matter and also distribute the section's workload. Thus, prior supervisory experience is not a particularly important attribute for a director and some previous directors have not had any at all.

The essential and nonnegotiable qualification for the Director's position is the ability to lead by example. Quinlan already does. He is one of the first lawyers to arrive in the morning and one of the last to leave at night. He carries a very heavy caseload and still volunteers to cover for absent co-workers and to take cases that no one else wants. He constantly thinks about what is good for the Agency and acts accordingly. One memorable example of this quality occurred when Quinlan learned that a skilled lawyer was going to quit because he was exhausted from doing a number of taxing trials. Quinlan believed that this lawyer's departure would be a great loss to the Agency and the clients. He voluntarily gave up his appeals position to the lawyer and returned to the trial court so that the lawyer could have a hiatus.

Quinlan will bring great energy, and new ideas to the job. I suspect that he will make some changes in Agency policies that will be welcomed by staff attorneys who want the Agency to be among the nation's best. He will set high standards for staff lawyers and, rightly, will hold them accountable to the courts, to their co-workers, and most importantly, to their clients. Quinlan is certainly exceptionally well-qualified to lead the Public Defender Agency, and I urge the Council to recommend him.

Sincerely



Margi A. Mock  
Assistant Public Defender

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October 11, 2005

Alaska Judicial Council  
1029 W. Third Avenue, suite 201  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-1963

Re: Quinlan Steiner's Qualifications for Director of the Public Defender Agency

Dear Council Members,

My name is Paul Malin. I began working as an Assistant Public Defender in 1984. I have worked with Quinlan Steiner since he began his internship here eight years ago. All the applicants for the Agency Director position are well qualified. However, of all the applicants, Quinlan is probably the least well known and has been a lawyer for the shortest time. Based upon my knowledge of Quinlan's work and personal skills, I feel that I have a firm basis of knowledge to evaluate his suitability for the Director's position. Because I believe that Quinlan is exceptionally well qualified to be the Agency Director, I urge you to forward his name to the Governor for consideration.

Quinlan's background is unique for a public defender. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Seattle University. This four-year degree focused on accounting, business strategy, marketing, finance, management and supervision. Quinlan also has real life business experience. While pursuing this degree, Quinlan was a partner in a deck building company. He managed the revenue and built the decks.

Following his graduation, Quinlan worked as a loan officer in the Juneau branch of the National Bank of Alaska. After a one year training program, Quinlan made commercial, consumer, and residential loans. He interviewed the loan applicants, evaluated their financial history and business plans, and determined whether the applicants were qualified for the loan. He approved loans up to his loan limit, and made recommendations to the branch manager for loans that exceeded his limit. When the manager was absent, Quinlan supervised a staff of six.

Quinlan then sought to incorporate his business skills with his love of the outdoors. He worked for Adventures and Delights, an Anchorage based outdoor adventure company operated out of a coffee shop across from the courthouse. This job piqued Quinlan's interest in becoming a public defender because it led to his acquaintance with Assistant Public Defender and Appellate Section Chief Margi Mock, a frequent visitor to the coffee shop. The more Quinlan got to know Margi, the more he became fascinated by her cases, the legal issues that they raised, and the creativity that a public defender must have to make these issues alive, compelling and persuasive. Consequently, Quinlan decided to go to law school for the sole purpose of becoming a public defender.



One of Quinlan's first assignments at the Agency was to handle the parole caseload, a position affectionately referred to as the "Parole Slave." This is a thankless job of representing defendants who have been released on mandatory parole but who have violated, often within days of their release, their parole conditions and therefore face serving their "good time" in jail. Quinlan quickly became known as the "Parole Guru" and was revered for his amazing success in persuading the Parole Board to let his people go. This success underscores Quinlan's exceptional diplomacy and negotiation skills, as the Board invariably rejects technical legal arguments.

As a member of the appellate section, I have proof read many of Quinlan's briefs and have attended his oral arguments. Quinlan is an accomplished appellate lawyer who excels at technical legal arguments. He is a "quick study" who can rapidly synthesize and distill the essence of a legal argument. He is a brilliant abstract thinker. His legal writing is clear, concise, and persuasive. These qualities have led other lawyers to bring Quinlan their most difficult, complex legal issues.

Quinlan is a born teacher as well. I have observed this skill over the past several years when Quinlan co-led the training sessions for the new lawyers at the annual Public Defender Training Conferences. Quinlan prepared the training manual and presented the material in an organized and understandable way. He has also co-taught (with Margi Mock) an undergraduate class in Criminal Law at the University of Alaska at Anchorage.

Quinlan also possesses sound, thoughtful and pragmatic judgment, both legally and politically. He displays a calm, objective, and usually unflappable demeanor, a characteristic that should be invaluable in dealing with the Legislature. Moreover, Quinlan's business background makes him uniquely well qualified to manage the Agency's budget. The combination of these three qualities -- unusually strong analytical legal skills, sound political judgment, and a solid business acumen -- are rare and highly desirable for the Agency Director.

My observations of Quinlan would not be complete without mention of his ability to place the Agency's interests above his own interests. For example, Quinlan volunteered to assume a trial caseload in order to give a talented but burned out trial lawyer (Mike Deini) a much-deserved rest. Quinlan believed that the Agency would be hurt by Deini's departure and was willing to give up his beloved appellate position to keep him.

Quinlan demonstrated his ability to place the needs of others above his own needs this winter when the administrative section moved to the appellate section's floor. Because the administrative section wanted to keep all their members in a contiguous unit, I was directed to move to an office in the southern part of the floor. I was not happy with this prospect because I do not tolerate heat well, and my office was north facing and cool. Quinlan's office was next to mine, and was also cool. Even though he also preferred a cool office, he unselfishly volunteered to give me his office and take the south facing, hotter office (which was also by the lunchroom, making it noisier) because he knew how uncomfortable I would be.

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In sum, even though Quinlan has not practiced law as long as the other applicants, he has the maturity, legal skills and political savvy of a much more experienced lawyer. More importantly, he possesses the passion, enthusiasm, and creativity to lead the next generation of public defenders. Please allow the Governor to consider his application.

Sincerely,



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