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HOUSE JUDICIARY

bobgray1

10/17/2008 9:06 a.m.
Suggest removal

Mr. Ramaras.

I want to thank you for weighing in on this extremely troubling issue. I agree with JP_offroaders comments and would like to add that you and the other legislators are only hearing from the vocal minority. The unseen side becomes VERY apparent when you talk to those folks on Social Security. I was talking to a gentleman who was very worried that he wasn't going to be able to keep his house in heating oil. He in his early 80's, lives in an old inefficient home and makes 1,325.00 a month on SS. Last year his heating oil bill averaged 575.00 per month and his first fill this fall (mid-September) was 1,185.00! He and all of the other's who are unable to speak up or feel that it won't do any good. ALL of us need ACTION NOW not 60, 90 or 120 days from now. Will the discussions and public comment prevent senior citizen's from freezing to death this winter making the life threatening choice - Heating oil, food, or needed medicines? Enough talk - Step up and aggressively lead the way like I know you can do. HELP please.

Jay Ramras

10/17/2008 9:12 a.m.
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this is Jay Ramras

to JP_offroaders.

The Legislature is only in Session from mid-January to mid-April. As a citizen legislature we have very little authority outside of that period.

That is why the Attorney General's investigation with the Office of the Governor standing behind that office is our best bet. However, the last time an investigation was undertaken during the Knowles (D) administration, it took a couple of years and reached few conclusions.

Hawaii tried to do price regulating a few years ago and quickly repealed the effort. Markets work efficiently, but in Alaska's case, we are trapped inside of a duopoly (only two gasoline refiners) and the transport of gasoline by tanker to Southeast communities like Juneau/Ketchikan. Their fuel is more expensive than ours.

Hearings and the pressure of "sunlight" appear to be the most available remedy to the legislature. We are asking the Attorney General's office to recommend legislation that could be proposed for the upcoming Session in January.

As I have said, a reasonable person cannot justify how quick prices are to rise and how slow they are to decline. It defies reason. But it doesn't appear to be illegal. What remedy do you suggest? More government, more government regulation, these kind of solutions don't usually have the desired outcome. Jay

jennings99705

10/17/2008 9:38 a.m.
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And whose idea was it to have such a short session?? Remind me again please.

Skagdog

10/17/2008 9:38 a.m.
Suggest removal

Me me me. I I I now, now, now. That seems to be the public's argument for legislatures to take action on gas prices. Why don't we (voters) trust that our reps will do something good for us and if they don't then we (vote:s) get rid of them.

Who knows, maybe they'll find something and we'll end up with \$2.00/gal gas with fries and a pickle.

JP_offroaders

10/17/2008 9:41 a.m.
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very true. More government usually isn't the answer. In this case it may be.

I have a couple of questions I do not know the answer to

Does the duopoly of refineries traditionally report to or answer to allegations of price gouging to any governmental body?

Is there a direct relationship between the amount of money that a refinery charged vs. lower 48 refineries and can that be taxed?

Whatever happened to NBC's old report "The Fleecing of America" :-)

If we were talking about selling a DVD in a store, I wouldn't ask the question. I would just stop buying. In this case, we are dealing with a commodity. A necessity for Alaskan life. Heating oil, gasoline, diesel. These are needed commodities. I would imagine that there would be scrutiny of companies that restrict the livelihood of citizens with their financial grind of greed. In my view, duopoly is the same thing as monopoly in this case. All you have to do in a duopoly is compete with the amount of greed that your competitor has, and away you run with the profits.

Call me uneducated, but I am mystified that with a huge silver pipeline stretching from one end of this state to the other, with oil flowing through it constantly, passing by gas stations and peoples houses, that we have the highest gas prices in the nation. I am sure it isn't as simple as tapping into the pipe line and getting our gas there, but it isn't beyond the realm of logical thinking to get us to a point where we aren't getting overcharged for gasoline that is refined in our state from oil that is ours to begin with.

JP_offroader

10/17/2008, 9:48 a.m.
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Skagdog said

"Me, me, me. I, I, I, now, now, now. That seems to be the public's argument for legislatures to take action on gas prices. Why don't we (voters) trust that our reps will do something good for us and if they don't then we (voters) get rid of them?"

Actually J, you hit the nail on the head. "Why don't we trust that our reps will do something good for us and if they don't then we get rid of them?" Because we just can't wait that long. We've waited on our government to act in our best interests but I have yet to see any lasting good effect. If we wait till the end of a rep's term to analyse what he/she has or hasn't done, the thought will get diluted with time. I wager that a representative's report card be written daily by voters. Tell a rep what you want/need/like. The rep's job is to listen, then act on behalf of the citizens for the best interest of the citizens of this state. That and something else. Like most things in life, the best effect is when you jump in and take part in your area of effectiveness as opposed of passively sitting and waiting for some one else to take action on your behalf.

Slactivist

10/17/2008, 9:49 a.m.
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Mr. Ramras and the rest of the Legislature
Thanks for your efforts

However, if the best that you (all) can do with your scheduled sessions is to "shed light" on the disparity, then we have no further use for any of you on this matter.

The facts are clear to any reasonable person - there is collusion between the refinery owners, and the consumers are being gouged due to poor infrastructure, planning and a lack of choice. Only the refineries can correct their prices, not the legislature.

Flint Hills might want to consider the purchase of an armored car for their executives. The people aren't going to stand for this much longer. You are taking food out of our children's mouths.

update

10/17/2008, 10:34 a.m.
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Remember that any fuel purchase from the refinery goes thru a change of fuel prices-company charges-dollar a gallon out of municipality and

fuel delivery and driver charges and fuel Plane and employee charges
 delivery and Village fuel delivery charges=\$9.35 a gallon

mike

10/17/2008 10:49 a.m.
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We could bailout ourselves by forcing the refineries to sell themselves to the FNSB. Wait that would be socialist like in Washington, I mean Venezuela.

grouchyolman

10/17/2008 11 a.m.
 Suggest removal

All this talk is well and good if nothing else to show we are fed up. As if the refineries aren't aware already. It's going to go this way until the first frozen body in an armchair in his or her own honor with an empty oil tank and no way to fill it. If I were an oil producing state, allowing that to happen would be inexcusable. We DEMAND something be done NOW!

FreeDarfur

10/17/2008 11:42 a.m.
 Suggest removal

Oil jumped \$2.50, in a few hours. It is credited to OPEC's plan to announce next week they will reduce the oil production to force the price back up. What would you expect the government to bring the price down to, if it could? 99cents \$3.00 a gallon, what? Heck I remember paying 20 cents a gallon. \$2.00 bought me a tank of gas for the week, but coffee was also a nickel a cup and you could buy a house what a few months of mortgage payments today. What price are you looking for?

JP_offroader

10/17/2008 11:55 a.m.
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Freedarfur

I believe I read last month that the average market price for gas in Alaska was 10 to 15 cents above the national average. According to the link on www.alaskagasprices.com, the national average is 2.996 today. I don't expect a hand-out from big oil, but I'd like them to kindly remove their hand from my pocket before we all get tired of this as voters, and they have to remove our feet from their ass.

twodecades

10/17/2008 12:12 p.m.
 Suggest removal

Free Darfur-I am looking for a price commiserate with the cost of a barrel of oil and the associated refining cost. When the price of a barrel of oil drops, I expect to see the price I pay at the pump drop proportionally for percentage. I have no problem with "cost of business" increasing that echo the economy over the long haul. What I have a problem with is Exxon/Mobil etc. making BILLIONS of dollars a quarter at the same time receiving BILLIONS of dollars in tax breaks while I have to choose between buying decent groceries or filling my fuel tank to heat my home and my gas tank to get around at -40. As the username implies, I have been here twenty years this coming March and against the pleadings of my wife am going to stay one more winter in the town that I love and call home. If something isn't done, it will be my last year in Fairbanks. She is afraid that given the economy and the fact that EVERYTHING that we require to live here has ridiculously increased in price over the last two years that we are going to eat up our future just to stay. She may be right. Leaving saddens me more than I can express, but if the choice is losing everything that we have worked for and saved or living in the town that I love, I have no choice. As to Mr. Ramrus: Thanks for the heads up that the legislature is going to waste our time and money on more of the same blah, blah, blah that we have been seeing and hearing for years. While you guys are at it, why don't you spend another few years TALKING about a gas pipeline instead of building one. If the Legislature had ACTED when it should have nearly ten years ago, the thing would be nearly built now and we would have affordable options to heat our homes and cook our food in a cleaner, cheaper, and more efficient way. Good job guys. Sarcasm intended.

Barks

10/17/2008, 12:54 p.m.
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I don't like the cost of fuel any better than anyone else, but I am smart enough to understand the free enterprise system. There are so many that don't seem to understand it. Example # 1, did the state of Alaska back off of that \$140 a barrel oil back in July? They should have said that "Naw" the state would except at the top \$60 dollar a barrel anything above that is a rip off. Of course that \$60 a barrel would in time have meant a smaller permanent fund check in the years ahead, but I am sure that all the complainers that don't understand the free enterprise system would be glad to accept a smaller permanent check down the line. All in the name of being fair.

When I came to Fairbanks regulator gasoline had a price range of 48 to 54 cents per gallon, about double the average price in many of the lower forty eight states. Over on Minnie Street there was a little store that regulator could be had for 48 cents other full service stations sold a gallon from 50 to 54 cents depending on the status on the station. They called all of that the free enterprise system. Before Jimmy Carter became president natural gas had price controls on it. During The Carter administration those controls were lifted, a lot of people were crying foul, how could that rascal Carter the scoundrel do that, letting the gas producers have such a big rip off. Now there is one thing that I am really sure of, and that is if ever there is such a thing as a natural gas line from the north slope of Alaska the people that are crying here will be out on the street waving banners and crying out at the top of their lungs that the price of gas is a rip off please put the controls back on natural gas. reduce the price at least fifty percent alaska doesn't need all that ripoff money !!!

Barks

10/17/2008 1:19 p.m.
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There was two things that I failed to mention in the previous statement and that was, I don't know how to spell regular and # two is, in all the years that there have been talk of that gas pipeline from that north slope, did you ever hear a high up oil official say we ought to get in gear and build that gas line because the time is right to get started on it. There are some valid reasons why you have never heard that from a high oil official.

akhunter02

10/17/2008 1:29 p.m.
Suggest removal

If everyone stopped buying fuel at Freds or Safeway or pick one of the local retailers, that retailer would drop their price. No one is dropping prices because they dont have to! River View on Badger has not dropped a penny in weeks, they are still selling diesel at \$4.90. I go out of my way to buy fuel somewhere else. There is no competition to force the price down. I think Frieddies sells more fuel than any of the others lets stop buying from them and you will see the price drop fast.

djh123

10/17/2008 2:11 p.m.
Suggest removal

wow i wish i was good at math then i'd understand some of this! haha what does the future look like? i heard the gas prices are suppose to rise again way high

Dondi

10/17/2008 2:54 p.m.
Suggest removal

Just my opinion, for what it's worth. After the United States Supreme Courts ruling concerning damages for the Exxon-Valdez Oil Spill, and the fact that Exxon sued itself in the litigation so that a large amount will never reach those who lost most if not all, I believe it's the Lawyers fault, or is it the fact that one of the Supreme Court Justices had to set this one out (So as not to breach the Rule of Court that requires the avoidance of impropriety and the appearance thereof) because he owns what is described by the news media as substantial stock in Exxon/Mobil Corporation.

Corruption is weakening America. Transparency in Government, and Businesses of this Grande-of-Scale are in this day and age becoming more necessary than ever before in world history!

The legislature through our suggestions and plans can benefit more of us when we help in the solution!

As for heating and generation of power, wood smoke is still more environmentally friendly than most other readily available fuels for personal dwelling useage, but what about using catalytic conversion units for motor vehicles?

I seem to remember my Father mentioning about trucks and busses being ran on wood and or coal during the Second World War in India

Now we are looking forward to a coal gassification refinery, it is supposed to provide fuel for the military, jets that use high grade Diesel (JP-4) this means an offset of need placed upon the other refineries as their demand from D o D will decrease when this comes on line. Now look forward bit Eureka Co. can be refined even further and we have Gas again

Just a few short years ago, we all remember seeing Mitch Usibelli sitting on top of the Coal train, and telling us that the amount of coal at that mine is the energy equivalent to something like several thousand times the North slope

But the questions remain How long will this take, and what if any effect will it have on the economy?

I believe that as long as this is kept from private hands(for the most part) in it's manufacture and distribution it might save us all if we can last that long!!!

DistantThunder

10/17/2008 3:30 p.m.
Suggest removal

Jays comments about creating competition by using nat-gas as the feedstock for making our own fuels outside of AnchorRAGE gets us past the decades of talk-talk-nice-nice and onto a pathway of practical significance

This doesn't require legislative approval that will take another two years at least. It doesn't require any funding from Juneau either(another waste of time unless the Holy Coptic Church of Juneau all of a sudden has an Ecclesiastical Epiphany)

Jay is absolutely right-on about fuels made from nat-gas being cheaper and cleaner to produce, and the "economy of scale" becomes obsolete with gas-feedstock too because the refinery-equipment can be mini-modularized and manufactured anywhere then easily shipped to FBX by airfreight even

YES \$2/GALLON PROPANE is a real possibility for all of Alaska [maybe cheaper!]

dual-fuel retrofits to existing vehicles can translate into 1000 fulltime jobs statewide for two years. Retrofits for under \$600-\$1000 in most cases using Century or Impco parts

Aside from Patriotic-Terrorists shooting more holes in TAPS and pretending to be Volunteer Hazwopers from Ogoniland Nigeria The quickest cheapest way to get a significant sized source of clean cheap fuels into FBX is this>>>>

<http://s281.photobucket.com/albums/114/209>

The main thing is to get propane piped over Atguit first then the rest of the Monopoly Rule by Selfish A**holes will unravel

Don't look for any large group or organization to fully endorse this idea because it is painfully obvious to the BigWigs this is a superior architecture to The Big Steel Pipeline

And The Big Steel Pipeline is just like the Heels worshipping the Golden HolyCow in Ancient Egypt

Once it's built it'll become another Trojan Horse like TAPS has become

OK a deep bow and a tip of my hardhat to ANGDA and RedDogMine for making moves toward some substantial 24" HDPE-pipeline projects

Polypipe Gas- & Fiberoptic Infrastructure in Alaska will make for ZERO-unemployment in Alaska. It will totally transform the economy of the whole state

Imagine having several dozen little gaslines routed every whichway southward over the BrooksRange. Add mini-modular GTL to the mix and the possibilities are endless. Every 10miles all over the state will be access to bottled gas and broadband internet

polypipe-gas and fiberoptic go together like pie & icecream

Each zone of the polypipe network will be owned and operated by the

corresponding local borough or tribe or community.

DistantThunder

10/17/2008, 3:44 p.m.
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Dondi
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSgLO1e4z>

Even though CTL is a proven technology.
CTL Coal To Liquids will take much longer to bring online in FBX than to squirt out a HDPE-gasline from Prudhoe to FBX.

During the first winter a HDPE-gasline can be temporarily dropped into the snow and filled with LPG without any significant firehazard
This will supply all of the interior with bottled fuel ASAP
Everybody better start polishing-&-painting up your old propane bottles and pressure testing them
<http://images.google.com/images?gbv=2&am>

1AkFox

10/17/2008, 4:19 p.m.
Suggest removal

Jay R
Is Flint Hills making jet fuel using our royalty crude?
Thank you for having courage to participate in the ihis discussion!!!

Dondi

10/17/2008, 4:33 p.m.
Suggest removal

This is for Jay, a bit off subject but I gotta
I think this pretty much covers the troopergate situation!!!
GO SARAH!!!
<http://www.touchngo.com/qicntrakstats>

FreeDarfur

10/17/2008, 4:50 p.m.
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Wasn't it last July oil was at \$147 and we were being told that it could exceed \$200. We were told the high price was due to the cheap oil in the world had been used, there was a limited supply and high demand, etc. Well it is pretty clear it was the hedge fund speculators who had a field day playing the market for big profit. The word had been out for months before last July that they had set the price at \$140 at which point they would sell.

Does anyone hear either Presidential candidate or Congress addressing the issue of speculation in the stock market, the housing market, the commodities market? It is pretty clear that the market will not correct itself alone and there is a need for regulation reform on a global manner. Europe and the US will have an interesting time doing this with the emerging countries demanding that they be part of this.

We can complain all we want, but this just may be something that is beyond the State legislature to fix.

SgtGump

10/17/2008, 5:28 p.m.
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What happens when the refineries issue a statement saying that they are getting for their product what the market will bear and that they are making a pile of money? What would we do? What could we do? I don't like what's going on anymore than anyone else, but I don't want my Government to get involved and start telling these businesses how to run. Look at the commodity markets in Venezuela or Cuba and ask if that is what you want.

My \$0.02

Back_To_Alaska_Someday

10/17/2008, 5:38 p.m.

I live in Albany, Oregon, and the lowest price I saw today for regular

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unleaded was \$2.95... I would think with a refinery just 14 miles down the road that you guys would be getting cheaper gas than you are. Sounds like price gouging to me.

1AkFox

10/17/2008 5:41 p.m.
Suggest removal

The sale price of our property per AS 3a 05 183 Sale of Royalty Oil is a 100% political decision.

The Alaska legislature can fix the problem any time they want.

The \$1,200 dollars was equal to about 1/3 to 1/4 the amount of hidden royalty oil tax we paid on fuel.

gr8whitehnr

10/17/2008 6:23 p.m.
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Thanks to everyone for your responses to my letter. Mr. Ramras thanks for joining the conversation and giving us some useful information. I wrote this letter asking questions and hoping to start a conversation about what is happening in our community and it worked. To extend another question, why has the price of gas gone down about a quarter a gallon in the last week but diesel has only gone down about a nickel? This is the case in North Pole anyway I am not sure what they have done in Fairbanks because I don't get to town that often. Thanks again to everyone and lets keep the pressure on our representatives in Juneau and Washington to figure this thing out and get us some relief.

1AkFox

10/17/2008 6:44 p.m.
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Is Flint Hills making jet fuel using our royalty crude?

hairbrain

10/17/2008 7:50 p.m.
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That's the rumor.

Barks

10/17/2008 8:06 p.m.
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Cry howl and scream but the free enterprise is here to stay. If the uninformed would study up on how this all works they wouldn't have to meander around in the dark wondering what happens. The oil from the pump in the ground to the pump in town is a long progression. I remember back in 1958 some people in Fairbanks were ordering their gas furnaces because the gas pipeline from the north slope was just a few months from being completed just a few months until they would be hooked up to that cheap gas. Back then it took about six weeks to two months to get stuff up here when it had to be sent on the Alaska Steamship line. Of course they don't really pump the oil out of the ground at Prudhoe Bay. It just flows out of the ground all by its self. The reason it flows out is because of all that gas that is caught down there in the ground is creating a lot of pressure that forces the oil to flow up and out. Now when this round of talking about building the gas-line which started in the first part of the 80s had been successful there would have been a lot of gas let out of the ground and there might not be enough pressure left in the oil field that the oil would flow out. If that was the case a lot of oil would have been unrecoverable. Unless things have changed since the last time I was at Prudhoe it will never be pumped like they do in other places. In other places they have a more shallow oil. There is water injection that replaces the oil that is removed but never would force the oil out of the ground. This info is what the experts told me when I was up there. Taking the gas out before all the oil is out would be a terrible waste. Who knows what the real truth is at Point Thompson!!! Why don't the politicians check all this out before they run off at the mouth looking and sounding like a bunch of turkeys in a rain storm.

1AkFox

10/17/2008 8:06 p.m.

hairbrain

AS 38.05.183 the fine print is worth reading

Jay should know how much royalty crude is being used to make jet fuel?

Also, I think jet fuel is quite similar to kerosene

DistantThunder

10/17/2008 8:38 p.m.
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Somewhere in my files I have a pdf-copy of the Mapco agreement to purchase Royalty Oil. Mapco owned the refinery before Williams who sold it to Koch. It looked like a real sweetheart deal

DistantThunder

10/17/2008 9:34 p.m.
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yup, found it
it's a 41page pdf filesize 256k

AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF ROYALTY OIL

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of March 6, 1980, by and between the State of Alaska (State) and Mapco Alaska Petroleum Inc., an Alaska corporation with its principal offices located at 3201 C Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 and Mapco Petroleum Inc., a Delaware corporation with its principal offices located 1800 South Baltimore Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119 (collectively Mapco)

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the terms listed below shall have the following meanings:

- 1.1 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources or the Commissioner's designee.
- 1.2 "Daily Royalty Oil" means the quantity of Royalty Oil produced by the Lessees from the Prudhoe Bay Unit, as described in the Unit Agreement, in a Day.
- 1.3 "Day" means a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, beginning at 12:01 a.m., Alaska Standard Time.
- 1.4 "Field Cost Agreement" means the Prudhoe Bay Royalty Settlement Agreement effective April 1, 1980.
- 1.5 "Leases" means the Oil and Gas leases subject to the terms of the Unit Agreement.

hairbrain

10/17/2008 11:22 p.m.
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1AkFox: am I confused or are you answering your own question? (not a rumor)

1AkFox

10/18/2008 1:36 a.m.
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DistantThunder

Thank you for the information

1) Does the agreement mention how many barrels per day?

2) 1.4 "Field Cost Agreement" means the Prudhoe Bay Royalty Settlement Agreement effective April 1, 1980

This should give us some idea as to the cost of production

Production estimates range from 2 to \$15 per barrel. Using the highest estimate of \$15 and a current oil price of \$75 - \$15 = \$60 mark up profit

The state of Alaska is making a profit of \$60 per barrel selling our property to Flint Hills

The state's profit was about \$90 to \$130 when the oil price peaked

AS 38.05.183 "Sale of Royalty Oil" provides for a waiver of the penalty to sell our property at a price less than the OPEC price because it is in our best

interest

"Our best interest" reasons are listed in sub section (e)

Thus, the state could sell the royalty crude at \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, or even \$15!!!!!! It is a 100% political decision

You will note the statute explicitly prohibits export of our royalty property

It is reasonable to conclude our royalty oil is being exported as jet fuel

ANY export is prohibited by law

In conclusion The cost of refined royalty oil is high because of the state's 60 dollar or more profit per barrel And the export of jet fuel

The state is investigating the price of "oil"

If the investigation fails to mention the mark up sale price of our royalty crude to the refineries as the cause of the high prices

It is a cover up snow job to protect the state's hidden tax

Also, when you hear someone claim the price is high because of the lack of "competition", "market forces" an earthquake in China, a flood in Texas, a war some where, hedge fund speculation, and so on -- elephant sized bull chips are in flight

If you believe it, have a "S" tattooed on your forehead. Suckered

majast2211

10/18/2008 1:52 a.m.
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damn oil companies

hairbram

10/18/2008 6:42 a.m.
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Now paying a small bit of attention to what 1AkFox has said. I see a glaring not simple assumption. While it is illegal to export royalty crude oil, selling jet fuel simply is not the same. The legal term is royalty crude oil. In the same light, if it is illegal to export raw wheat does it not stand to reason that it would be legal to export a loaf of bread if not specifically referenced?

kar98k

10/18/2008 7:19 a.m.
Suggest removal

Greed pure and simple

The same goes for the Natural Gas Pipeline. It will never be put in while the State, and the Producers, and the Refiners are making huge profits from oil.

1AkFox

10/18/2008 8:05 a.m.
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Your wrath is misdirected!!! Your target is your State of Alaska politicians.

The oil companies up here do NOT control the wholesale price of your royalty crude sold to the 2 local refineries!

Your politicians control the price! Because they set the royalty crude oil's wholesale price.

And take in at least \$60 dollars royalty oil tax per barrel. When you buy your heating fuel oil you pay the tax!!!

Know thy enemy! Else ye attack windmills while wearing a barber's bowl helmet.

1AkFox

10/18/2008 8:18 a.m.

Kar98K

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I don't think it is "greed" by the state, it is more like "sheep sheering"

Every wonder where the State gets the money to run a school for rural 5 kinds?

Read AS 38 05. 183 and ask your candidate to explain it to you

All of the state house and 1/2 the senators are up for re election on Nov 4

1AkFox

10/18/2008, 8:31 a.m

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FreeDarfur

We freeze in the dark, go poor, while our royalty oil is used to make aviation fuel for Anchorage

Did you Read AS 38 05. 183 and subsection (c) ?
remove the - and -

<http://touchngo.com/igicntr/akstats/Statutes/Title38/Chapter05/Section182.htm>

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10/19/2008, 9:12 a.m

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The blind leading the blind !!!

hairbrain

10/18/2008, 9:37 a.m

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This is a cauldren of well intended justified complaint. The simmering discontent of corrupt politics and energy practices in the state of Alaska is a poisonous brew of wicked proportion. A true witch hunt encouraged by the citizens of Alaska with pitch forks, cycles, and lamps in hand is the foundation of what has made this country great. Venimous lies spewing from those in power be it from business or politition have left the citizen nothing but lies to sift from the ruins. (Halloween is around the corner)

1AkFox

10/19/2008, 9:45 a.m

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Your right!!! blind leading the blind. I don't think our leaders are blind they know exactly what is going on!

From the history book every time time a "rural community" has something of value oil, gold, silver, water, timber, fish they get fleeced! Because of their lack of education re such matters

When the Indians sold Manhattan Island for \$24 dollars worth of beads and hatchets. Have you ever wondered who got the beads, who got the hatchets, and who got to look at 'um?

-CORRECTION IT SHOULD READ 183 NOT 182-

<http://touchngo.com/igicntr/akstats/Statutes/Title38/Chapter05/Section183.htm>

FreeDarfur

10/18/2008, 9:58 a.m

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Just wait until Anchorage gas runs low and walch what happens Fairbanks has joined the ranks of rural Alaska when it comes to making any impact on what the legislative body will do. They can spend a \$100,000 plus amount of money on an investigation on the Governor and have it completed in a few months. But with the price of gas, they are saying it might be done in a couple of years. Does anyone see something wrong with this picture

1AkFox

10/18/2008, 10:28 a.m

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Goes to show what is more important to Democrats — smearing Sarah while their constituents freeze in the dark.

You wonder, how I found out about the royalty oil rip?

I typed into Goggle search "Alaska Royalty Oil" and found the statute governing the price

My total cost of doing the research about 10 cents thanks to the internet !!!!!!! 20 years ago, it would have taken all day at the law library !!

Fairbanksgas

10/18/2008 11:48 a.m.
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I have an online copy of the invoice to Flint Hills for the royalty sale of Alaska's oil at www.fairbanksgas.com/INV_FHR102007final

It shows how many barrels were purchased and from what field on the North Slope. It also shows that with oil at \$84 a barrel, the Flint Hills refinery is paying \$9,987,199.4 a month LESS than the refineries in Washington would for the same amount of oil.

DistantThunder

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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 9, 2007

To: Representative Ramras, Chair
Judiciary Committee

From: Suzi Lowell 
Chief Clerk

Subject: Governor's Appointment

The Speaker referred the following Governor's appointment to the Judiciary Committee:

Attorney General - Department of Law
Mr. Talis Colberg

Committee report and resume are attached for your use.

Attachments as noted

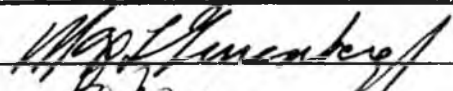
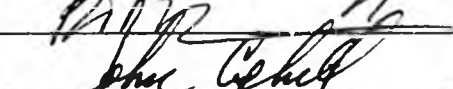
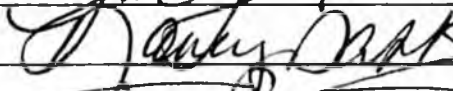
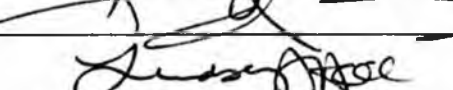


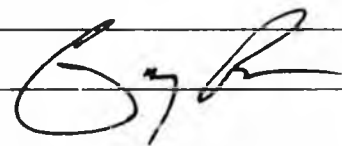
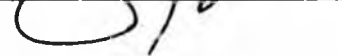
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Action date: March 14, 2007

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

Attorney General - Department of Law
Mr. Talis Colberg

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.

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA COLLEGE

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1992 - present

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THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANIES 1985 - 1992

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PALMER ROTARY CLUB 1992 - present
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ALASKA STATE FAIR, INC.
Director and Secretary 1995 - 2001.
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Senate Judiciary Committee

1. Describe your law school experience. Where and when did you attend law school? Did you receive any honors? Did you participate in your school's law review? Moot court? Legal aid clinic? Any other details about that time in your life?
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3. Which US Supreme Court Justice do you admire most? Why?
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8. Are you satisfied with the turnover rates in the criminal division? If not, what actions do you plan to take to lower the turnover rates?
9. What is the current salary disparity between a state attorney and a private one? Compare attorneys at 3, 5, and 10 years of practice.
10. Alaska suffers from some of the highest sex assault and sex abuse rates in the nation. Are prosecutions of this crime increasing? Are trials on these charges increasing? Please provide some statistics on this subject. What actions do you plan to take in this area?

11. Last year the Legislature provided funding for six new Superior Court judges. Will there be an increase in either civil or criminal attorneys in response to those new judges?
12. The Alaska Constitution states that "the power of taxation shall never be surrendered." How do you interpret this phrase? Can the State legally enter into a long term tax freeze with the Producers? If yes, what case or precedent supports your view? If no, then how can we address the "tax stability" concerns of the Producers?
13. You have filed a notice with the TAPS owners that the state may opt out of the 1985 and 1986 settlement agreements. Have negotiations begun? What are the financial implications of this step?
14. What will be your Department's approach to the issue of tribes and tribal sovereignty in Alaska?

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MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2007

SUBJECT: Removal of Member of the University of Alaska Board of Regents
(Work Order No. 25-LS0502)

TO: Senator Joe Thomas
Attn: Joe Hardenbrook

FROM: Jean M. Mischel
Legislative Counsel 

You ask whether the University of Alaska Board of Regents enjoys such a degree of independence under the state constitution that the governor is precluded from removing a regent and that a regent may only be removed by impeachment proceedings conducted by the legislature. The answer is no. You also ask about the procedure for removal. The governor may remove regents who serve at the pleasure of the governor by notifying the regent and appointing a replacement for confirmation by the legislature. While the legislature confirms regents by a majority vote after appointment by the governor, nothing in the state constitution or law requires a 2/3 vote for removal unless the legislature elects to exercise its impeachment authority.

1. The governor may remove a University Regent without the concurrence of the legislature.

The University of Alaska is created under art. VII, sec. 2 of the state constitution as a "body corporate." While it is granted title to its real and personal property, that property is administered and disposed of "according to law." Under art. VII, sec. 3, the university is governed by a board of regents.

Article VII, sec. 3 provides:

The University of Alaska shall be governed by a board of regents. The regents shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the member of the legislature in joint session

The governor's appointing authority, including the authority to appoint to positions that require legislative confirmation, carries with it the correlative power to remove (1975

Opinion of the Attorney General No. 2), unless that authority has, by statute, been otherwise expressly limited or restricted.¹

Unlike boards and commissions controlled by art. III, sec. 26 of the constitution, nothing in art. VII, sec. 3 provides for legislative control over removal of University Regents.²

Even with the additional legislative authority over sec. 26 boards, the Alaska Supreme Court interpreted that authority very narrowly. When the court was faced with the question of the extent of legislative authority over sec. 26 boards and commissions, the court found that the confirmation power of the legislature provided in art. III, secs. 25 (principal department heads) and 26, is merely a limited delegation of the executive appointment power to the legislature and stated:

As to this issue, we think the provision of Sections 25 and 26 of Article III are clear and unambiguous. Thus, we conclude that Sections 25 and 26

¹ A limitation on removal may be interposed by law, but only as to persons who hold appointment under article III, sec. 26 of the state constitution. Art. III, sec. 26 states:

When a board or commission is at the head of a principal department or a regulatory or quasi-judicial agency, its members shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session, *and may be removed as provided by law . . .*

The constitutional convention proceedings lead to the inescapable conclusion that the Board of Regents was not considered to be controlled under sec. 26 and resulted in a separate article to require legislative confirmation without legislative removal authority. While there is a possible argument that the eight year term specified in AS 14.40.140 is a limit on the removal power, the court's recognition of strong executive power in Bradner v. Hammond, *supra*, makes it unlikely that the court would accept that argument.

² In a conversation with the University's general counsel, he stated that the "main case" that supports his position that the governor lacks removal authority over University Regents is Cook v. Botelho, 921 P.2d 1126 (Alaska 1996). But that case stands for a very different proposition. The court held that once a member of a sec. 26 board was appointed by the governor, the governor could not *withdraw* the appointment before confirmation by the legislature since the appointment itself took immediate effect. The court stated:

Because Cook had already been placed in office, Governor Knowles could not remove him *without complying with the removal statutes*, and the legislature could confirm him. (*Id.* at 1137).

Removal by the governor of a regent from the Board of Regents has not been legislatively restricted, and it's unclear that the legislature could do so.

mark the full reach of the delegated, or shared, appointive function to Alaska's legislative branch of government. (Bradner v. Hammond, 553 P.2d 1, 7 (Alaska 1976).

The University's status as a "body corporate" does not imply a legislative role in removal of a regent (apart from the impeachment process available to the legislature as to all civil officers). Though the University, alone in the constitution, expressly holds corporate status, the Alaska Supreme Court has said that members of other public corporations established by law serve at the pleasure of the governor. (Walker v. Alaska State Mortgage Association, 416 P.2d 245 (Alaska 1966). The court stated:

The Association's three board members from the Board of Commissioners of the Alaska Housing Authority are appointed by the governor and serve at his pleasure. Therefore, the governor is empowered to remove any member of the governing board of the Association at his pleasure. Id. at 240 (citations omitted).

Under AS 39.05.060(d), the legislature has confirmed that each board member holds office at the pleasure of the governor notwithstanding the member's term. There is nothing to suggest the University's constitutional status would alter that conclusion. Even when it recognized that the University had a certain degree of institutional autonomy, Alaska's Supreme Court also recognized that the University was subject to executive and legislative control, including the appointment power. University of Alaska v. National Aircraft Leasing, LTD., 536 P.2d 121, 124 (Alaska 1975).

Under AS 14.40.140, each regent serves a set term "until a successor is appointed and qualifies." The procedure for removal involves notice to the regent and appointment of a successor by the governor for confirmation by a majority of the legislature.

2. The legislature may impeach a regent.

If, for some reason, the governor declines to exercise her removal authority, the legislature could take steps to impeach a regent.

Art. II sec. 20 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska provides that:

All civil officers of the State are subject to impeachment by the legislature. Impeachment shall originate in the senate and must be approved by a two-thirds vote of its members" after motion and a trial is conducted and "may not extend beyond removal from office.

Article II, sec. 20 grants a broad power of impeachment to the legislature, in that it applies to all civil officers. This fact was recognized by one of the delegates to the state constitutional convention who observed:

Most of the state constitutions do not set up the removal of all civil officers by impeachment as is done here. It is generally limited to the principal elective and appointive officers, generally the governor, the lieutenant governor, and various other elective department and appointive department heads. The principal officers are the ones that they generally limit impeachment to. (Alaska Constitutional Convention Proceedings, V. Rivers, page 1719.)

The language of art. II, sec 20, has not been construed by the Alaska Supreme Court. However, the court has declared, "Unless the context suggests otherwise, words are to be given their natural, obvious, and ordinary meaning." (Hammond v. Hoffbeck, 627 P.2d 1052, 1056 n. 7 (Alaska 1981), quoted in Hickel v. Halford, 872 P.2d 171, 177 (Alaska 1994).)

The term "civil office" is defined to be, "a non-military public office; one which pertains to the exercise of the powers or authority of government." (Black's Law Dictionary, sixth ed., 1990.) Under the definition of "officer," Black's Law Dictionary states, "the word 'civil,' as regards civil officers, is commonly used to distinguish those officers who are in public service but not of the military." The dictionary goes on to explain that a public officer is, "one occupying a public office created by law. One of the necessary characteristics of 'public officer' is that he perform public function for public benefit and in so doing he be vested with exercise of some sovereign power of state."³

³ The court has in the past held that the University of Alaska, as an instrumentality of the state, is within the scope of statutes that govern conditional waiver of sovereign immunity. (University of Alaska v. National Aircraft Leasing, LTD., 536 P.2d 121 (Alaska 1975).) University employees are state employees subject to regulations that establish collective bargaining units for state employees. (McGrath v. University of Alaska, 813 P.2d 1370 (Alaska 1991).) The public meetings law applies to the university as it applies to other agencies. (University of Alaska v. Geistauts, 666 P.2d 424 (Alaska 1983); Alaska Community Colleges' Fed'n of Teachers, Local 2404 v. University of Alaska, 677 P.2d 886 (Alaska 1984).)

When confronted with the precise question of whether the University of Alaska is covered as an agency of the state under generally worded statutes, the court has tended to find that the university is covered. The court concluded that the legislature intended to include the university within the scope of state agencies that are subject to the public records statute. (Carter v. Alaska Public Employees Ass'n, 663 P.2d 916 (Alaska 1983).) Again, the court found that the application of the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62.330-44.62.650) to the university's grievance procedure does not impermissibly circumscribe explicit and implicit constitutional and statutory grants of power to the university in the area of personnel management. (McGrath v. University of Alaska, 813 P.2d 1370 (Alaska 1991); see also, Odum v. University of Alaska, 845 P.2d 432 (Alaska 1993) and Sengubta v. University of Alaska, 21 P.3d 1240 (Alaska 2001).)

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The Alaska Supreme Court has determined that key officials of the University of Alaska serving by appointment, presumably including the members of the Board of Regents, are "public officials." (Carter v. Alaska Public Employees Association, 663 P.2d 916, 921 (Alaska 1983).) It is likely that the court would find a public official to be a civil officer for impeachment purposes as consistent with the ordinary meaning of those terms.

It is likely that a court would find that University regents are "civil officers" subject to impeachment despite the University's public corporation status. The impeachment process is, as described in the constitution, lengthy and involved. In contrast, the governor has authority to remove a regent and to appoint a replacement for presentment to the legislature for confirmation.

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MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska
Department of Law

To: Talis J. Colberg
Attorney General

Date: February 2, 2007

Thru: Craig J. Tillery
Deputy Attorney General

File No: 663-06-0103

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Subject: Governor's Power to Remove
a University of Alaska Regent

We have been asked whether the Governor has the power to remove a University of Alaska regent without cause. In our view, the answer is no.

We acknowledge that this question has been posed to different counsel and different conclusions reached. Legislative counsel has concluded in a written opinion that regents serve at the pleasure of the governor and may be removed at any time. University of Alaska counsel has concluded in a verbal opinion that a regent may be removed only through impeachment by the legislature.

For the reasons set forth below, we do not fully agree with the conclusions of either legislative counsel or university counsel. That being said, we do agree with both legislative counsel and university counsel that impeachment is an option that may be pursued in order to remove a regent. But we disagree with university counsel that it is the only option.

The basis for our views is grounded primarily in the constitution and discussions of the framers regarding the University of Alaska during the constitutional convention. We start there.

I. Historical Background

The University of Alaska was created by the territorial legislature in 1935. ch. 49, SLA 1935. The Board of Regents was created at that time as well, with the governor empowered to appoint regents subject to confirmation by a joint session of the legislature. *Id.* at sec. 3. The term of a regent was eight years and a regent was to serve "until their successors are appointed and have qualified." *Id.* The original statute made no mention

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of how a regent should be removed. This law has essentially remained unchanged through today, though the number of regents was increased to eleven in 1975. See AS 14.40.120; 14.40.140; AS 14.40.150.

From the University's inception through statehood we are aware of no instance of a governor removing a regent prior to the end of a regent's term. We recognize that it is possible such could have happened, but it would take further historical research to determine this.

The constitutional convention considered the University of Alaska several times during the course of the convention. Before considering these passages, however, it is important to understand that the territory of Alaska had suffered from a fragmented executive branch with several elected officials and multiple governing boards designed to erode the power of the federally appointed governor. A fundamental goal of the convention was to establish a strong governor who was completely in control of the executive branch of government.¹

During the consideration of the executive branch article, however, concerns were raised regarding the appropriate place for the University of Alaska within the constitutional design for the new government. These concerns were often expressed in terms of the need to insulate education from politics. Alaska Constitutional Convention Proceedings at 2043, 2246. During the discussions of the provisions that ultimately

¹ Delegate Fischer later wrote, "[Territorial] government was neither responsible nor responsive to the people. As a result, convention delegates were ready to make basic structural changes so the people could hold the governor wholly responsible for the conduct of state administration." V. Fischer, Alaska's Constitutional Convention at 106 (1975).

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became sections 25 and 26 of Article III,² questions were raised concerning the extent to which these sections governed appointments to the Board of Regents. The chair of the Executive Branch Committee, Victor Rivers, and a member of that Committee, Katherine Nordale, both responded that section 26 of Article III only applied to "principal departments" and that the University of Alaska was not a principal department. Alaska Constitutional Convention Proceedings at 2034, 2037, 2246. Therefore, in their mind, the University of Alaska did not fall under section 26 of Article III.

Other delegates, however, remained concerned that in order to insulate the University from politics it needed to be made explicit that the University was not subject to section 26 of Article III. In particular, certain delegates were concerned that if section 26 did apply to the University, that the Board of Regents' appointment of a president would be subject to approval by the governor. Accordingly, these delegates sought to amend section 26 to state that the provision did not apply to the University of Alaska. Alaska Constitutional Convention Proceedings at 2245-2258. Ultimately, these attempts failed because the members of the Executive Branch committee persuaded the convention that section 26 simply did not apply to the University of Alaska. Alaska Constitutional Convention Proceedings at 2246, 2257. Moreover, several delegates noted that a separate article was being drafted to govern the University of Alaska. *Id.* at 2247-48, 2250, 2255.

During the debate, some delegates expressed observations as to the status of the University. The chair of the Executive Committee, Victor Rivers, stated that the Executive Branch article would have no impact on the University:

² Section 25. Department Heads. The head of each principal department shall be a single executive unless otherwise provided by law. He shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session, and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor, except as otherwise provided in this article with respect to the secretary of state.

Section 26. Boards and Commissions. When a board or commission is at the head of a principal department or a regulatory or quasi-judicial agency, its members shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session, and may be removed as provided by law. They shall be citizens of the United States. The board or commission may appoint a principal executive officer when authorized by law, but the appointment shall be subject to the approval of the governor.

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Walsh: May I ask a question, Mr. Rivers? I think to clarify in the minds of several people here it might be well for me, that [as] one of those serving on the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska, composed of eight members, and the Board of Regents select the President of the University. The governor, as I understand it, does not have the power of the removal of the president of the University. It is a matter for the Board. Would this situation change that, Mr. Rivers?

Rivers: No, in regard to the University, this would not affect their present setup. They are a private corporation, or rather a nonprofit corporation, and under the specific law providing for their make-up, and you would still have a board of regents appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature, and the powers as you now have them would be identical to what they now are as I visualize them.

Id. at 2033-34. Delegate Taylor stated that the "University is not a part of the Territorial government whatsoever; it is an independent agency." *Id.* at 2253. Notably, Delegate Nordale expressed the view that by explicitly putting the University in a separate article it would "make it very clear that it can never be dissolved and that it is not part of the executive branch of government." *Id.* at 2256.

Later in the convention, the Executive Branch committee proposed language regarding the University. Chair Rivers introduced the language as follows:

Mr. President, you have heard the reading of this article and it was considered important that in the constitution there be included an article of this type. It gives the University, as a corporate body, the authority to receive and hold property which will be granted to them under the enabling act. It also gives them the authority for administering and disposing of that according to law. It sets up the board of regents and the governing body of the University, and I think the main point of this article has is that constitutionally the University of Alaska shall be the only state university in Alaska.

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Id. at 2792. Perhaps notably, the Executive Branch committee saw fit to clear the language of the proposed article with the President of the University prior to bringing it to the floor of the convention.³ *Id.*

II. Analysis

With this summary of the constitutional history of the University in mind, we think it is fair to draw the following conclusions. First, the convention intended to create a very strong governor with full appointive power. Second, despite the strong governor model, the convention nevertheless intended to insulate the University from politics, including the governor. Third, the convention intended that the University would not be subject to section 26 of Article III of the Alaska Constitution. Fourth, the convention intended to constitutionalize the existence of the University. Finally, some members of the convention believed that the University resided outside the executive branch of government in 1955 and that the constitution preserved that status.⁴

Nowhere in the convention minutes is there any discussion regarding removal of a regent.⁵ But the above conclusions are sufficient to give us pause that the governor's power to remove certain executive branch appointees without cause extends to the University Board of Regents. This view is consistent with the views previously expressed by this office. In 1979, we opined:

Under the state constitution, the University of Alaska is 'governed' by the Board of Regents. Alaska Const., art. VII, § 3. The regents are appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the legislature. *Id.* They serve for terms of eight years. Thus, while the regents are appointed by and are responsible to the governor, they do not serve at his pleasure but rather for fixed terms, and they may, therefore, be

³ In other words, it is doubtful that President Patty, the University president at the time, would have approved this language if he thought it allowed the governor to remove a regent without cause.

⁴ By observing this latter point, we do not conclude that in fact the convention succeeded in fully removing the University from the executive branch.

⁵ Though at one point, Chair Rivers states that "[t]he law could provide no doubt for means of removal . . ." *Id.* at 2255-56. He appears to be referring to the chief executive of the University, not the regents, however.

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removed from office solely for cause. 67 C.J.S. Officers § 120 (1978); 63 Am. Jur.2d Public Officers and Employees § 189 (1972). As a result, the governor's supervision over the university is made distinctly indirect. Unless the members of the Board of Regents commit acts of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance sufficient to constitute cause for their removal, the governor possesses no check upon them and no power to direct their activities.

1979 Inf. Op. Att'y Gen. 1 (Jan. 23; J-66-103-79). We have reiterated this view over the years⁶ and see no reason to stray from it today.

For the reasons expressed above, the University is accorded unique constitutional status. We must be mindful of these reasons when considering the applicability of Alaska Supreme Court precedents. A number of these cases have been cited by other counsel, but we doubt that a court would find them controlling on the issue of whether the governor may remove a regent without cause. For instance, *Walker v. Alaska State Mortgage Assoc.*, 416 P.2d 245 (Alaska 1966) does not involve the University of Alaska, but rather pertains to a board of a public corporation that does not have a unique constitutional status. The cases involving the University do not have issues that directly implicate the political independence of the University, one of the reasons for the University's unique constitutional status. See, e.g., *University of Alaska v. Nat'l Aircraft Leasing*, 536 P.2d 121 (Alaska 1975) (University is instrumentality of state for purposes of sovereign immunity); *McGrath v. University of Alaska*, 813 P.2d 1370 (Alaska 1991) (legislature may subject University to Administrative Procedures Act). Instead, we think a court if faced with the issue of whether the governor may remove a regent without cause would be more likely to focus on the constitutional history of the University set forth above.

Finally, legislative counsel contends that under AS 39.05.060(d) regents serve at the pleasure of the governor and may be removed at any time. This interpretation is at odds with the express intention of the constitutional convention that the University be insulated from politics. Moreover, review of the fairly lengthy legislative history of this statute demonstrates that the legislature never intended AS 39.05.060(d) to reach the

⁶ In 1998, an assistant attorney general stated that, "Regents are considered to be sort of in a class by themselves. We've always advised the governor that it's inadvisable to remove the regents at a change of an administration. Legal complications may ensue." 1998 Anchorage Daily News (quoting AAG James Baldwin).

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Board of Regents. This statute was originally enacted as part of the State Organization Act of 1959, under which the executive branch of the new State of Alaska was formed. See ch. 64, SLA 1959. The University of Alaska is not within the scope of this Act—it was not mentioned in the Act and was left out of the organization of the executive branch accomplished by this Act. *Id.* When initially enacted, AS 39.05.060 only referred to boards that were explicitly mentioned in the State Organization Act of 1959. While the scope of AS 39.05.060 has both expanded and contracted over the years, it has never been broadened to include the Board of Regents.⁷

In summary, we conclude that the Governor may only remove a regent if cause is established, preferably at a hearing prior to removal. We would be happy to address in another memo the evidence necessary to establish cause, and the criteria for an appropriate hearing process.

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⁷ We note, however, that it may be possible for the legislature to provide for removal of a regent through enactment of a statute consistent with the constitution. Such a statute would have to preserve the University's politically independent constitutional status and probably could only provide for removal if it were for some cause that was established at a hearing prior to removal.

PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR
ALASKA ATTORNEY GENERAL NOMINEE

- 1) Why did you decide to become an attorney?
- 2) Describe your legal education.
 - A. Were you a member of the law review?
(If the answer is yes, what articles did you author?)
 - B. Were you a member of the Order of the Coif?
(Note: This is the national law school honor society for individuals in the top 10 percent of their class)
 - C. What was your class ranking?
- 3) Describe your trial experience. *Admiral law*
 - A. In State court.
 - B. In federal court.
- 4) Describe your appellate experience.
 - A. In state court.
 - B. In federal court.
- 5) In private practice, what were your legal specialties?
- 6) Have you practiced in the area of oil and gas law? Natural resources law? Indian law? Tax law?
- 7) The Alaska Department of Law is a large agency that contains hundreds of employees, operates on an annual budget of tens of millions, and has diverse responsibilities. Describe your prior administrative experience that you believe qualifies you to supervise such a large and important bureaucracy.
- 8) What specific parts of your education, legal experience, and life experiences do you believe best qualify you to be Alaska's Attorney general and to provide legal advice to Governor Palin?
- 9) Rule 1.3 of the Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct requires an attorney to "act with commitment and dedication to the interests of the client and with zeal in advocacy upon the client's behalf."

If you are confirmed, who do you believe will be your "client" for the purposes of Rule 1.3? Governor Palin? The people of Alaska? The public interest?

(If the answer involves the "public interest", ask how he determines what the public's particular "interest" in a particular matter is?)

10) Another question related to Rule 1.3: If you are confirmed, when you assign an Assistant Attorney General to advise the Alaska Board of Fisheries or Board of Game, who do you believe will be that Assistant Attorney General's "client" for the purposes of Rule 1.3? The Board? Governor Palin? The people of Alaska? Please explain your answer.

11) During the Hickel administration, Attorney General Charlie Cole resigned his position when he concluded that Governor Hickel had decided to disregard his legal advice. If you are confirmed, what are the circumstances in which you would have an ethical obligation to resign, as well as the circumstances in which – regardless of ethical obligation – you would resign?

12) For reasons that many members of the Alaska Legislature believed at the time were related principally to improving his chances for reelection, in 1995 Governor Tony Knowles directed Attorney General Bruce Botelho to change the State of Alaska's litigation position in Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government v. State of Alaska regarding the existence of "federally recognized tribes" in Alaska. And Attorney General Botelho did so.

What are the circumstances in which you believe it is appropriate for Governor Palin to decide your and the Department of Law's litigation position? Particularly in a situation in which, after exercising your best legal judgment, you have concluded that Governor Palin's position is incorrect, or that Governor Palin has based her position on factors unrelated to the legal merits?

13) SUBSISTENCE—In 1986 the Alaska Legislature amended the subsistence statute that it had enacted in 1978. The amendment required the Alaska Board of Fisheries and Board of Game to adopt regulations that afforded residents of "rural" Alaska a priority for the taking of fish and wildlife for "subsistence uses" over nonrural residents. As you know, in 1989 in McDowell v. State of Alaska the Alaska Supreme Court decided that sections 3, 15 and 17 of article VIII of the Alaska Constitution prohibited the Alaska Legislature from enacting its 1986 rural subsistence priority.

In McDowell, the late Justice Jay Rabinowitz filed a dissenting opinion in which he described why he believed that sections 3, 15 and 17 of article VIII did not prohibit the Alaska Legislature from enacting its 1986 rural subsistence priority.

In your view, was the McDowell decision correctly decided? Or was Justice Rabinowitz correct that the Court's majority made a mistake? Please explain your answer with specificity.

14) SUBSISTENCE—Please explain your understanding of the legal choices that are available to the Alaska Legislature and to Congress whose implementation would allow the State of Alaska to regain authority to regulate the taking of fish and wildlife throughout the entire State of Alaska.

15) SUBSISTENCE—It is the position of the State of Alaska that the Federal Subsistence Board's finding that the residents of Ninilchik have a history of 'customary and traditional' use of salmon on the upper Kenai River is incorrect - among other reasons because the Board based its finding on insufficient data. It also is the State's position that Congress did not intend the priority for "subsistence uses" of fish and wildlife in section 804 of ANILCA to apply to the taking of fish on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers (among other reasons because in 1980 Congress decided that the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge would be the only refuge established or enlarged in ANILCA in which providing "the opportunity for continued subsistence uses by local residents" would not be a purpose of the refuge.)

If the Federal Subsistence Board denies the State of Alaska's request that the Board reconsider its finding regarding the Kenai River, if you are confirmed, will you recommend to Governor Palin that the State of Alaska seek judicial review of the Board's finding? [If no answer, when can you provide the Committee with an answer and your rationale therefor?]

16) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL STATUS—In 1988 in Native Village of Stevens v. Alaska Management & Planning, the Alaska Supreme Court reviewed the history of Congress's Alaska Native-related enactments from 1867 to 1988 and then concluded that for the previous 121 years Congress had not intended to confer on Alaska Natives the legal status of being "federally recognized tribes" whose governing bodies possess governmental authority and sovereign immunity. Do you agree with that legal conclusion of the Alaska Supreme Court? [If the answer is no, explain your answer.]

17) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL STATUS—In 1993 Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Ada Deer intended her publication in the Federal Register of a list of more than 200 Alaska Native "entities" to have the legal consequence of transforming the Alaska Native residents and members of those entities into members of "federally recognized tribes". And in 1994 Congress enacted a statute called the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act.

In the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government v. State of Alaska lawsuit in federal court, Attorney General Bruce Botelho's initial litigation position was that Assistant Secretary Deer's publication of her list and Congress's enactment of the List Act did not have the legal consequence of creating "federally recognized tribes" in Alaska.

In 1995 Governor Tony Knowles ordered Attorney General Botelho to abandon his litigation position and henceforth concede that the State of Alaska agreed that Assistant Secretary Deer's publication of her list and Congress's enactment of the List Act did have the legal consequence of creating "federally recognized tribes" in Alaska. Attorney General Botelho then changed the State of Alaska's litigation in the manner that Governor Knowles had directed.

Do you agree with Attorney General Botelho's initial litigation position regarding Alaska Native tribal status? Or with the litigation position he adopted at Governor Knowles' direction? Please explain your answer.

18) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL STATUS—In 1999 in its decision in John v. Baker I the Alaska Supreme Court announced that, in its view, Alaska Native residents and members of the entities on the list that Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Ada Deer published in 1993 in the Federal Register became members of "federally recognized tribes" because Assistant Secretary Deer said they were. The Alaska Supreme Court also announced that, again in its view, Congress intended its '994 enactment of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act to ratify Assistant Secretary Deer's action.

Do you agree that whether Assistant Secretary Deer's publication in 1993 in the Federal Register of her list of Alaska Native entities had the legal consequence of creating more than 200 "federally recognized tribes in Alaska is a question of federal law, rather than of state law?

Do you also agree that whether Congress intended its enactment of the List Act to ratify Assistant Secretary Deer's action also is a question of federal law, rather than of state law?

And finally, do you agree that while the Alaska Supreme Court may express its views regarding questions of federal law as it did in its John v. Baker I decision, only the federal courts - and ultimately the U.S. Supreme Court - can decide questions of federal law definitively?

[If the answer to the last question is yes], if you are confirmed, will you advise Governor Palin to seek judicial review of those two federal questions in federal court? Explain your answer.

19) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL STATUS-In 2001 Senator Rick Halford, the president of the Alaska Senate, and Representative Brian Porter, the speaker of the Alaska House of Representatives, sent Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton a letter in which, on behalf of a majority of the members of the Alaska Legislature, they asked her to direct the Solicitor of the U.S. Department of the Interior to conduct a de novo legal and policy review of the Alaska Native tribal status situation. At that time,

Alaska Senators Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski and Congressman Don Young publicly supported President Halford and Speaker Porter's request.

If you are confirmed, will you recommend to Governor Palin that she ask Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne to direct his Solicitor to conduct the de novo legal and policy review that President Halford and Speaker Porter requested? Please explain your answer.

20) INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT - Are you aware that in August 2008 an initiative to create an Alaska Gaming Commission empowered to authorize Las Vegas-style casino gambling to be conducted in Alaska will appear on the primary election ballot?

Are you also familiar with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the statute Congress enacted in 1988 that establishes the legal terms and conditions pursuant to which an "Indian tribe" may conduct gaming - including Las Vegas-style casino gambling - on the tribe's "Indian lands"?

Are you also aware that in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act Congress defined the terms "Indian tribe" and "Indian lands" as legal terms of art?

In your legal opinion, are there any Alaska Native groups in Alaska that are members of an "Indian tribe" as the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act defines that term? Explain your answer.

In your legal opinion, are there any lands in Alaska that are "Indian lands" as the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act defines that term? Explain your answer.

21) INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT - Are you aware that - with no prior notice to the State of Alaska - the chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission - acting pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act - some years ago approved class II gaming ordinances for the communities of Kake, Klawock, and Metlakatla?

If you are confirmed, will you recommend to Governor Palin that she urge Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne and the chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission to review whether the former chairman acted lawfully when he approved class II gaming ordinances for the communities of Kake, Klawock, and Metlakatla?

22) INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT - Neither the text of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act nor the regulations of the National Indian Gaming Commission that implement the Act require the Commission to provide public notice when the Commission receives a proposed class II or class III gaming ordinance.

(Which is why the State of Alaska did not find out that Kake, Klawock, and Metlakatla had submitted proposed class II ordinances to the Commission until after the chairman of the Commission had approved the ordinances.)

If you are confirmed, will you recommend to Governor Palin that she petition the National Indian Gaming Commission to amend its regulations implementing the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to require the Commission to notify the State of Alaska and other interested parties when the Commission receives a proposed class II or class III gaming ordinance, and afford such interested parties a reasonable opportunity to present their views regarding the ordinance, and to have those views considered by the chairman, before the chairman decides whether the ordinance should be approved or disapproved?

23) INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT- In 1988 Hawaii Senator Daniel Inouye was the principal sponsor of the bill that Congress enacted as the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

On January 17, 2007 Senator Inouye co-sponsored S. 310, a bill whose enactment by Congress will authorize Native Hawaiians to provide for their common welfare by organizing a "Native Hawaiian governing entity". Section 9(a) of S. 310 prohibits both all Native Hawaiians and the Native Hawaiian governing entity from conducting gaming within the State of Hawaii pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Senators Ted Stevens and Lisa Murkowski have joined Senator Inouye in co-sponsoring S. 310.

Since they support Congress clarifying that the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act has no application within the State of Hawaii, if you are confirmed, will you recommend to Governor Palin that she urge Senators Stevens and Murkowski to introduce legislation clarifying that the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act also has no application within the State of Alaska?

24) RS 2477 - Under previous administrations, the State has identified several RS 2477 rights-of-way. How aggressively and by what means will the State of Alaska seek to resolve these important access questions?

25) ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT—A recent decision by the federal government to list polar bears as threatened or endangered species could potentially have negative implications for oil and gas exploration and development on the North Slope. What legal position will the State have on this matter?

26) RESERVED WATERS—Will the State continue to pursue and fund the ongoing reserved waters litigation?

27) RECORDABLE DISCLAIMERS—For approximately four years, the State has been attempting to resolve title to submerged lands in Alaska through the

recordable disclaimer of interest process. Federal agencies have bogged down the process substantially, resulting in few successful disclaimers. How can the Department of Law speed up that process to ensure that Alaska retains title to these hundreds of thousands of acres of important state lands?

- 28) CRIME—Alaska's largest cities are facing alarming increases in violent crime. What, if anything, can the Department of Law do to stem the growth of violent crime in Alaska?
- 29) CRIME—Does the D.A. try enough felony criminal cases in Alaska, or are too many of them plea-bargained out of court? How can you help change that trend?
- 30) CRIMINAL DIVISION—Morale is reportedly very low and attorney turnover is high in the Department of Law's criminal division. How will you directly fulfill your responsibilities as A.G. to change this? Other A.G.'s appear to have neglected the criminal division to some extent. How will you treat the criminal division as A.G.? Will you select any future appointments in the Department or will the Governor?
- 31) ATTORNEY GENERAL—What is your position on having an elected-rather than appointed- attorney general in Alaska?
- 32) LAWSUITS—The Department of Law has requested \$12 million in supplemental funding for a lawsuit against the actuarial firm that assisted the State with its PERS/TERS allocations. Is that a reasonable amount? The firm appears to have spent in excess of \$400,000 already to assess the State's case. Can you provide the Committee some memoranda supporting the expenditure and assessing the State's case?
- 33) CONSUMER PROTECTION—Does the Department of Law have adequate staff and funding for consumer protection?

Questions for Attorney General

1. Highly qualified new attorneys from top tier law schools are being made offers of employment with starting salaries exceeding \$140,000. A law clerk with our court system starts at around \$40,000 for a Fairbanks position. Is there a problem recruiting lawyers for the attorney general's office and, if so, what would you do about it?
2. As you have contemplated coming to the Attorney General's office I am sure you have thought of things you want to change. Could you please outline the three most important changes you would make?
3. In my Fairbanks community, the District Attorney's office has lost many high profile cases, including cases involving rape and murder, yet I see many instances of charges for misconduct involving controlled substance in the 6th degree (MICS-6). These are charges involving small amounts of marijuana. Do you feel there needs to be a reallocation of prosecutorial resources?
4. Do you believe that the advocacy section that weighs in on regulatory filing in front of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska for the consumer should be located within the Attorney General's office?
5. Do you believe that there should be a use of the Therapeutic Courts and if so for what type of charges? DUI? MICS-6? How would cases be selected for diversion into the Therapeutic Courts?
6. If you believe that a State Agency has violated the Alaska Procurement Code, should the Attorney General's office, which is charged under law to uphold the Procurement Code, defend a state agency that has violated the Code?

Questions for Attorney General Talis Colberg

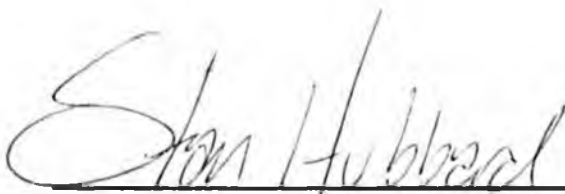
- Why do you believe that you are qualified to do this job? Please explain what in your background and experience will aid you in this position?
- What expertise do you bring to the position of Attorney General?
- How do you interpret the Alaska Constitution with regards to Federal/State control of issues such as subsistence? *tribal sovereignty.*
- What elements do you deem must be in the Alaska Gas Pipeline Contract? How do you interpret what is the maximum benefit to the people of Alaska?
- Now that you have been in Juneau for a while and have seen how things work, what goals do you have for the Department of Law?
- Do you see your position as Attorney General as one of management or one of lawyering?
- What do you see as the primary mission of the attorney general and who does he serve?
- Do you believe that the legislature has expanded the court system in such a way that it has kept pace with the growing state, and in what areas can the legislature expand the court system?
- *Deferred prosecution - Any position?*
- *Should DOL consider a person's politics when deciding whether a person should work for DOL?*
- *How*




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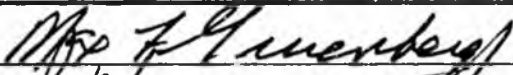
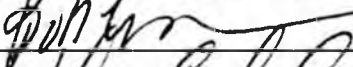
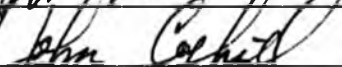
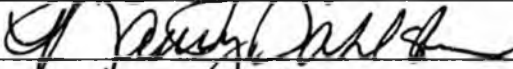
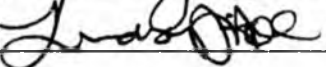
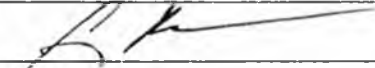

Action date: January 24, 2007

The Judiciary Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following Chief Justice's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to the House for ratification:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

Ann Rabinowitz

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 ratification.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
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Please return to the Chief Clerk's office.

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Resume Highlights

Work History

Harborview Elementary School 2001-2005
Teacher's Aide
Assistant to head Montessori Teacher. Work with Special Needs children with learning disabilities. Provide support for the lead teacher in implementing the Montessori program.

Big City Books 1995-1998
Salesperson
Ordered books from publishers and sold books to customers.

Woodriver Elementary School 1979-1994
Classroom Teacher
Taught fourth and fifth grade students at an elementary school in Fairbanks. Classroom responsibilities included teaching the curriculum established by the School Board.

Education

University of Alaska Fairbanks
Bachelor of Arts, 1979
Philosophy Major Education Minor

Fairbanks High School
High School Degree, 1954

Community and Volunteer Activities

Alaska State Museum 1997-Present
Volunteer in the Docent Program. Lead tours in the summer for tourists. Lead tours during the school year for school programs.

Friends of the Alaska State Museum Board Member 1997-2001
Assisted with fundraising and advocacy for the Museum. Helped design the Museum education program.

Johnson Youth Center 1996-2000
Provided GED tutoring for incarcerated youth. Taught arts and crafts classes.

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INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO COMPLETE THIS REPORT

- > This report is for incumbent legislators, legislative directors and public members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.
- > This report covers the preceding calendar year so include only information about financial interests held and business involvements between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006.
- > You must show your own financial interests and those held by your spouse or domestic partner, dependent children and nondependent children living with you during calendar year 2006.
- > If you need additional space to complete this report, use copies of the pages needed.
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SIGN THIS REPORT ON THE LAST PAGE. THIS REPORT IS DUE March 15, 2007

Members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics shall on January 8, 2007.

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TITLE: _____

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SPOUSE OR DOMESTIC PARTNER: _____

DEPENDENT CHILDREN: _____

NONDEPENDENT CHILDREN: Mrs. Judith Rabinswitz
do not live with Ann Rabinswitz

**SCHEDULE A
SOURCE OF INCOME OVER \$1000**

Salaried Employment:

If NONE reportable, check box

Report the name and address of each employer, spouse or domestic partner, dependent children or other individual sharing with you more than \$1000 during calendar year 2006.

If you were employed as a salaried employee, report the source of salaried income over \$1000 for 2006. You are not required to disclose the amount of salary received by your family members or the salary you received from your state employment.

Provide enough detail when describing the nature of services to fill a reader what work was performed for the salary received.

Report the amount of income you received when you were an employee.

- Hired a lobbyist or was a lobbyist:

- Was a member of a local government commission or board.
- Was affected financially by an action of the legislature or any other state agency in an amount exceeding \$1,000 (including actions concerning professional or occupational licenses, natural resource permits or permits, rules or regulations governing the operation of businesses and institutions of business practices).

Use copies of this page if you need additional space to complete this section. See pages 5-8 of the LPE manual for more help with this section.

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Employer's Name: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Nature of Services Provided: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Employer's Name: _____

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Employer's Address: _____

Nature of Services Provided: _____

Amount: \$ _____

SCHEDULE A SOURCES OF INCOME OVER \$1000

Self-Employment

If NONE reportable, check box

Did you, your spouse, domestic partner, or dependent child, or any other person living with you or a combination of them hold a partnership interest in, or a share in, or an ownership interest in, or a professional corporation in which the

List the name, address, and nature of services provided by each self-employment source of income from which more than \$1000 was received as compensation for personal services by you or a family member. Provide enough detail when describing in-

If the business is non-retail, list the nature of services provided and the name and address of each client or customer who paid the business over \$1000 during calendar year 2006.

Report the amount of income you received from a client, patient, or customer when the client, patient, or customer:

- Hired a lobbyist or was a lobbyist;
- Had or sought contracts with the legislature or agency of the state that exceeded \$10,000;
- Was a municipality or local government entity; or
- Was affected financially by an action of the legislature or any other state agency in an amount exceeding \$1,000 including actions concerning professional or occupational licenses, natural resource permits or quotas, rates of assessment or taxation, health, safety or environmental standards, and insurance or business practices.

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See pages 8-10 of the LFD manual for more help with this section.

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or dependent child: _____

Business Name: _____

Retail Non-Retail (If you check non-retail, list clients/customers, and amounts if required, below.)

Name of client/customer: _____

Client/Customer Address: _____

Nature of Services Provided: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Name of client/customer: _____

Client/Customer Address: _____

Nature of Services Provided: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Name of client/customer: _____

Client/Customer Address: _____

Nature of Services Provided: _____

Amount: \$ _____

**SCHEDULE A
SOURCES OF INCOME OVER \$1000**

Dividends and Interest

If NONE reportable, check box

Report the name of the source of all dividends, interest and capital gains over \$1000 earned during calendar year 2006, (excluding retirement accounts) such as Money Market Acct or CD's in ABC Bank.

- List the name(s) of the asset(s) (not in a retirement account) which paid you, your spouse, domestic partner, child or nondependent child living with you, dividends, interest or capital gains of more than \$1000 such as IBM stock or Cordova Municipal Bonds.
- (Report the assets of a retirement account or trust on page 8)

See page 13 of the LFD manual for more help with this section.

Recipient (filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child)

Name of Source of Income

Rabinowitz, Dan

State of AK

Marvell Lynch

Dividend
stocks ownership

Rental Income

If NONE reportable, check box

List the first and last name of each tenant from whom over \$1000 was received during calendar year 2006. If property is located outside Alaska and managed by a person other than you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent child or nondependent child living with you, you may list the managing agent instead of listing each tenant.

See page 14 of the LFD manual for more help with this section.

Owner (filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child)

Tenant(s)

Other Income

If NONE reportable, check box

List each source of income over \$1000 not listed elsewhere on this statement, including income from the sale of real property; social security; retirement; the asset of an IRA cash-out; the name of the person who paid alimony or child support; government entitlements; honoraria; and shared living expenses.

See page 14 of the LFD manual for more help with this section.

Recipient (filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child)

Name of Source

Rabinowitz, Dan

social security

SCHEDULE B BUSINESS INTERESTS

Business Interests

If NONE reportable, check box

Report all business relationships even if they were not sources of income to you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent child or nondependent child living with you during calendar year 2006.

- List ownership interests of more than \$1000 as shareholder in publicly traded stocks, regardless of income, that are not listed elsewhere on this Statement. (A list of the names of publicly traded stocks such as IBM or Microsoft may be listed by name only on a separate page.)
- List interests in limited liability companies or as sole proprietor, shareholder, owner, partner, officer, or director including native corporations.
- List involvements in profit and non-profit organizations as an officer or director.

Describe the business's activity with enough detail to let a reader what the organization actually does.

See page 16 of the LFD manual for more help.

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Nature of Interest: _____

Description of Business's Activity: _____

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Nature of Interest: _____

Description of Business's Activity: _____

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Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

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Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Nature of Interest: _____

Description of Business's Activity: _____

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Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Nature of Interest: _____

Description of Business's Activity: _____

**SCHEDULE B
REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS**

Real Property Interests

If NONE reportable, check box

Report all real property interests, such as your home, vacation home, rental property, vacant property, recreational property, business property or limited partnerships including real estate held through a trust or sold during calendar year 2006.

Include a street address, city and state or a complete legal description for each piece of property listed.

Use copies of this page if you need additional space to complete this section.

See page 17 of the LFD manual for more help.

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Rabinowitz, Dan

Street Address or Legal Description: 900 Lightbelt

City or Borough and State: Juneau AK 99801

Nature of Interest: Ownership home
(Option to Buy, Ownership, Leasehold) Current Use

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Rabinowitz, Dan

Street Address or Legal Description: Sea Otter Island

City or Borough and State: Washington

Nature of Interest: recreational recreational
(Option to Buy, Ownership, Leasehold) Current Use
Ownership

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Street Address or Legal Description: _____

City or Borough and State: _____

Nature of Interest: _____
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(Option to Buy, Ownership, Leasehold) Current Use

**SCHEDULE C
LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES, AND DEBTS
Of More Than \$1000**

Loans, Loan Guarantees, and Debts

If NONE reportable, check box

Report the name of each creditor or lender to whom more than \$1000 was owed during any part of the prior calendar year by you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent children, or nondependent children living with you.

more than \$1000 was owed during any part of the prior calendar year by you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent children, or nondependent children living with you.

List financial obligations including mortgages or other debt secured by real property sold during calendar year 2006; loans that have been guaranteed, delinquent taxes, alimony, child support payments; medical bills; mortgage, boat and auto loans; business and personal loans; escrow's; student loans; signature loans; and promissory notes. Loans include secured, unsecured and contingent loans. Do not report credit card obligations or revolving charge accounts.

Report the name of each creditor or lender to whom more than \$1000 was owed during any part of the prior calendar year by you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent children, or nondependent children living with you. List financial obligations including mortgages or other debt secured by real property sold during calendar year 2006; loans that have been guaranteed, delinquent taxes, alimony, child support payments; medical bills; mortgage, boat and auto loans; business and personal loans; escrow's; student loans; signature loans; and promissory notes. Loans include secured, unsecured and contingent loans. Do not report credit card obligations or revolving charge accounts.

Circle whether the entity is a lender, creditor or guarantor.

See page 18 of the LFD manual for more information about the reporting requirements.

Jan + Dan Rabinowitz
Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner or child)

Wells Fargo
Name of Lender/Creditor/Guarantor

Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner or child)

Name of Lender/Creditor/Guarantor

Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner or child)

Name of Lender/Creditor/Guarantor

Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner or child)

Name of Lender/Creditor/Guarantor

LOANS, and LOAN GUARANTEES, Of More Than \$1000

Report the address of the creditor or lender, the total amount of the obligation, current balance owed, interest rate, length of the loan, and whether a written loan agreement exists for a creditor or lender who:
• Hired a lobbyist or was a lobbyist;
• Had or sought contracts with the legislative agency of the state that exceeded \$10,000;
• Was a municipality or local government or
• Was affected financially by an action of the legislature or any other state agency in an amount exceeding \$1,000 including actions concerning professional or occupational licenses, natural resource permits or quotas, rates of assessment or taxation, health and safety or environmental standards and insurance or business practices.

Report the address of the creditor or lender, the total amount of the obligation, current balance owed, interest rate, length of the loan, and whether a written loan agreement exists for a creditor or lender who:
• Hired a lobbyist or was a lobbyist;
• Had or sought contracts with the legislative agency of the state that exceeded \$10,000;
• Was a municipality or local government or
• Was affected financially by an action of the legislature or any other state agency in an amount exceeding \$1,000 including actions concerning professional or occupational licenses, natural resource permits or quotas, rates of assessment or taxation, health and safety or environmental standards and insurance or business practices.

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See page 18 of the LFD manual for more information about the reporting requirements.

Source of a loan or loan guarantee that had a substantial interest in legislative, administrative or political actions.

Source of a loan or loan guarantee that had a substantial interest in legislative, administrative or political actions.

Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child)

Name of Lender/Creditor

\$ _____
Original Amount Owed

\$ _____
Balance Owed

Address of Lender/Creditor

_____%
Interest Rate

Length of Loan

Does written loan agreement exist? YES NO

SCHEDULE C
BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS/TRUSTS
Including \$1000

Retirement Accounts/Trusts

If NONE reportable, check box

Report each beneficial interest in a retirement account or trust during calendar year 2006 for you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent children or nondependent children living with the filer. Trusts include employee benefit accounts (pension and profit-sharing accounts), retirement accounts (IRA, 401K, SEP, Keogh) and family trust funds. Assets of a trust/retirement account include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, cash accounts, CD's, real property, and interests in limited partnerships.

- Name the trustor (the person who provided the funds or assets for the trust).
- List the assets by name such as IBM stock or Completion Growth Fund

See page 20 of the LFD manual for more help.

<u>Rabinowitz, Ann</u>	Extent of Interest (Percent)
Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner or child:	
<u>State of Alaska</u>	
Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)	
<u>retirement account</u>	
Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets included in the retirement account or trust	
<u>Rabinowitz, Ann</u>	Extent of Interest (Percent)
Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child:	
<u>Rabinowitz, Dan State of AK retirement benefit</u>	
Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)	
Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets included in the retirement account or trust	
Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child:	Extent of Interest (Percent)
Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)	
Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets included in the retirement account or trust	
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Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets included in the retirement account or trust	



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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 19, 2007

To: Representative Ramras, Chair
Judiciary Committee

From: Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk 

Subject: Chief Justice's Appointments

The Speaker referred the following appointments by Dana Fabe, Chief Justice, to the Judiciary Committee:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
Ann Rabinowitz - reappointment
H. Conner Thomas - reappointment

The committee reports are attached for your use.

Attachments as noted



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Dana Fabe
Chief Justice

Supreme Court
State of Alaska

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January 17, 2007

The Honorable Lyda Green
Senate President
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

The Honorable John Harris
Speaker of the House
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear President Green
and Speaker Harris:

In my capacity as Chief Justice, and pursuant to AS 24.60.130(b)(3), I am nominating Ann Rabinowitz to serve another term as a public member of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

Sincerely,

Dana Fabe
Chief Justice

DF:jd

cc: Ann Rabinowitz
Joyce Anderson

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

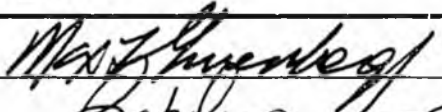
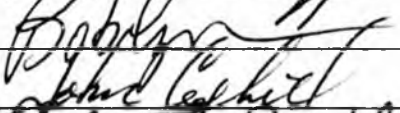
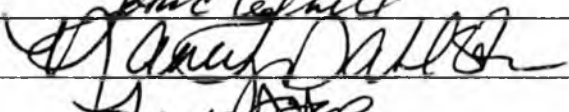
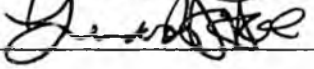
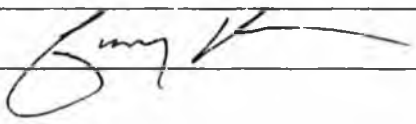

Action date: January 24, 2007

The Judiciary Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following Chief Justice's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to the House for ratification:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

Gary J. Turner

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 ratification.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
	Gruenberg
	LYNN Coohill
	Dahlstrom
	Holmes
Chair: 	RANKAS
Chair: 	

Please return to the Chief Clerk's office.

GARY J. TURNER

215 River Watch Drive
Soldotna AK 99669
(907) 262-0315 (work)
(907) 262-2366 (home)
ingjt@uaa.alaska.edu

Qualifications Summary

Education and public affairs professional with 27 years experience in communications management in corporate, NASA, U.S. Air Force, PR agency and university environments. Extensive experience in media relations, environmental risk communication, crisis and issues management, and community relations.

Professional Experience

College Director/CEO

University of Alaska Kenai Peninsula College, Soldotna, AK; June 2002-Present

- Serve as chief academic and administrative officer for 2,400 student college system. Lead 242 employees at five operating locations including Anchorage, Soldotna, Homer and Seward. Member of University of Alaska Management Team.
- Direct the largest statewide budget (\$9.8M) of any University of Alaska community campus.
- Direct, monitor and evaluate all programs including the Mining and Petroleum Training Service (MAPTS) with statewide mission of providing training for natural resource development industry.
- Provide oversight of natural resource exploration and development degree programs including Petroleum Technology, Process Technology, Industrial Process Instrumentation and Occupational Safety and Health.
- Created the Kenai River Guide Academy, a required program for all Kenai fishing guides signed into law by Lt. Gov. Leman in January 2006, that focuses on guide and angler ethics.

Senior Vice President & General Manager

Weber Shandwick Worldwide, Seattle, WA; August 2000 – October 2001

- Managed one of the largest offices for largest public relations agency in the world; 58 employees.
- Provided strategic communication counsel to clients including Kodak, Albertsons, Verizon.
- Responsible for office P&L (\$6.4M revenue in 2000) and strategic business planning.

Program Manager, Public Affairs

NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, Ai Signal Research, Inc. (8(a) NASA contract), Huntsville, AL; June 1996 - August 2000

- Directed and managed divisions responsible for media relations, community relations, internal communications, exhibits, speechwriting, training, education and organizational development.
- Oversaw public affairs for various NASA business units: Space Shuttle; International Space Station; Reusable Launch Vehicles; Chandra Observatory; and Microgravity Research.
- Grew contract from 16 to 49 people; value increased from \$2.2M to \$5.8M. Efforts were integral to company's 1,188% growth from 1996-2000, and being named to *INC. 500* List in 1999, 2000, 2001.

Coordinator, Continuing Education and Program Development

University of Alaska Southeast, Ketchikan, AK; August 1995 - June 1996

- Directed the development of more than 50 customized professional development courses and seminars for federal, state, local government employees and local residents.
- Identified community needs for higher education by creating, distributing and interpreting quantitative surveys, interviewing focus groups and conducting other qualitative research.

State Executive Director

Alaskans for Drug-Free Youth, Ketchikan, AK; August 1994 - April 1995

- Developed state and local programs to eliminate drug use by Alaskan youth.
- Provided input to state and local lawmakers on substance abuse legislation.

Director, Public Affairs

Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska; April 1992 - August 1994

- Directed media, internal and community relations program with a staff of seven people.
- Advised senior management on numerous crisis communications issues and strategically planned for both potential and evolving issues. Served as media and community spokesperson.
- Developed communication plans, responses to queries and cultivated media relationships.

Director, Visitor Services Division

U.S. Air Force Academy, CO; May 1991 - April 1992

- Directed community relations operations at the \$4.6 million Barry Goldwater Visitor Center.
- Led staff of 15 in managing conference center and public tour/education program.

Academic Instructor

U.S. Air Force Academy, CO; May 1990 - May 1991

- Instructed freshmen and sophomore college students in English and Literature.

Graduate Student

University of Denver, CO; June 1988-May 1990

- Attended under auspices of the highly competitive Air Force Institute of Technology program.
- Completed MA, Mass Communications, and majority of Ph.D. coursework in Speech Communication.

Director, Public Affairs

Florennes Air Base, Belgium; May 1987 - June 1988

- Served as media spokesperson for Belgian Intermediate Nuclear Force Treaty-related issues; hosted first Ground Launched Cruise Missile (GLCM) media open house in Europe.
- Managed international media issues, established community councils, and directed community relations plans for U.S. withdrawal from Belgium.

Director, Internal Information, and Community Relations Officer

U.S. Space Command, Colorado Springs, CO; August 1983 - May 1987

- Managed a staff of seven PR specialists responsible for all internal communication programs.
- Arranged high-level visits, speakers and tours of Colorado Springs-based defense installations.
- Served as communication facilitator for community groups in Houston and Colorado Springs, addressing encroachment issues involving their respective DOD space-related facilities.

Public Affairs Manager

U.S. Air Force Survival School, Spokane, WA; September 1979 - May 1983

- Directed media, community and internal information programs for all Air Force survival schools.

Education

- Ph.D. program, Speech Communication, University of Denver, 1988-1990.
- Master of Arts, Mass Communication, University of Denver, 1989.
- Bachelor of Science, Liberal Arts, University of the State of New York, 1983.
- Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Cleanup and Risk Communication Course; 1992.

Major Awards

- NASA Space Flight Awareness Space Shuttle Launch Honoree; 2000.
- NASA Group Achievement Award for Media and Public Outreach Campaign in support of Chandra space telescope mission; 1999.
- University of Alaska - Ketchikan Campus Advisory Council Outstanding Service Award; 1996.
- Top Public Affairs Crisis Management Office in the Air Force; 1993.
- Top Public Affairs Office in Pacific Air Forces; 1993, 1994.
- One of the Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Air Force; 1982: only public affairs specialist ever selected since award program began in 1959. Chosen from more than 500,000 Air Force members.

Professional Associations & Community Organizations

- Member, Kenai River Sportfishing Association Board of Directors; Chair, Communications & Scholarship Committees; 2003-present
- Vice Chair, Alaska Department of Fish and Game Advisory Committee-Kenai/Soldotna; 2004-present
- Member, Kenai River Guide Advisory Board, Kenai River Special Management Area, Alaska Department of Natural Resources; 2005-present
- Chair, Kenai River Guide Academy Board of Directors (through Kenai Peninsula College); 2004-present
- Member, Soldotna and Kenai Chambers of Commerce; 2002-present
- Associate Member, Kenai River Professional Guide Association; 2005-present
- Arctic Winter Games; co-chair Administration Committee and member, Communications Committee; 2004-2005
- Member, Soldotna Rotary Club; 2003-2005
- Member, Air Force Public Affairs Alumni Association; 1994-present
- Member, NASA Challenger Learning Center of Alaska Board of Directors; 2002-2004
- Retired Air Force Public Affairs officer; Top Secret clearance at retirement.

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**2007 LEGISLATIVE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(AS 24.60.200 - 24.60.260)**

INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO COMPLETE THIS REPORT

- ◆ This report is for incumben^t legislators, legislative directors and public members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.
- ◆ This report covers the preceding calendar year, so include only information about financial interests held and business involvements between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006.
- ◆ You must show your own financial interests and those held by your spouse or domestic partner, dependent children and nondependent children living with you during calendar year 2006.
- ◆ If you need additional space to complete this report, use copies of the pages needed.
- ◆ The LFD Manual contains useful information about how to complete this report.
- ◆ If you have any questions or need help completing the form, refer to the instruction manual.
- ◆ If you still need help, call APOC at 907/276-4176.

SIGN THIS REPORT ON THE LAST PAGE. THIS REPORT IS DUE March 15, 2007.

Members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics file on January 8, 2007.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

NAME: Gary J. Turner 907-262-2366 (home) 907-762-0315 262-0316
Phone Number Fax Number

OCCUPATION: College Director

MAILING ADDRESS: 215 Riverwatch Dr ingj@uaa.alaska.edu
(Street Address or Post Office Box) Email Address

Soldotna AK 99669
(City/Town and Zip Code)

Day Phone Number 262-0315 Day Fax Number 262-0316

OFFICE HELD (Check One): Legislator Legislative Director
 Public member of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

TITLE: _____

FAMILY MEMBER INFORMATION (list names):

SPOUSE OR DOMESTIC PARTNER: Marlene M Turner

DEPENDENT CHILDREN: _____

NONDEPENDENT CHILDREN: Traye J. Turner

**SCHEDULE A
SOURCES OF INCOME OVER \$1000**

Salaried Employment

If NONE reportable, check box

Report the name and address of each employer who paid you, your spouse or domestic partner, dependent children or nondependent children living with you more than \$1000 during calendar year 2006.

List your employment as a legislator or legislative director, and each source of salaried income over \$1000 for you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent children and nondependent children living with you. You are not required to disclose the amount of salary received by your family members or the salary you received from your state employment.

Provide enough detail when describing the nature of services to tell a reader what work was performed for the salary received.

Report the amount of income you received when your employer:

- Hired a lobbyist or was a lobbyist;
- Had or sought contracts with the legislature or agency of the state that exceeded \$10,000;
- Was a municipality or local government entity; or
- Was affected financially by an action of the legislature or any other state agency in an amount exceeding \$1,000 including actions concerning professional or occupational licenses, natural resource permits or quotas, rates of assessment or taxation, health, safety or environmental standards and insurance or business practices.

Use copies of this page if you need additional space to complete this section.
See pages 6-8 of the LFD manual for more help with this section.

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Gary J. Turner
 Employer's Name: University of Alaska
 Employer's Address: P.O. Box 755140, Fairbanks AK 99775-5140
 Nature of Services Provided: College Director, Kenai Peninsula College
 Amount: \$ 112,000

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Marlene M. Turner
 Employer's Name: Kenai Peninsula Borough
 Employer's Address: 144 N. Binkley St. Soldotna AK 99669
 Nature of Services Provided: Admin clerk
 Amount: \$ 11,000

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Traye J. Turner
 Employer's Name: Kenai Peninsula Borough - Central Emergency Services
 Employer's Address: Binkley St. Soldotna AK 99669
 Nature of Services Provided: Paramedic + Firefighter
 Amount: \$ 9,000

**SCHEDULE A
SOURCES OF INCOME OVER \$1000**

Self-Employment

IF NONE reportable, check box

Self-employment results when the person whose income is being reported worked in any of the following: a corporation in which you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent children, nondependent children living with you or a combination of them hold a controlling interest, or a sole proprietorship, limited liability company, partnership, or professional corporation in which the person whose income is being reported has an ownership interest.

List the name, address, and nature of services provided for each self-employment source (i.e. income from whom more than \$1000 was received as compensation for personal services by you or a family member. Provide enough detail when describing the nature of services to tell a reader what work was performed for the compensation received.

If the business is non-retail, list the nature of services performed and the name and address of each client or customer who paid the business over \$1000 during calendar year 2006.

Report the amount of income you received from a client, patient or customer when the client, patient, or customer:

- Hired a lobbyist or was a lobbyist;
- Had or sought contracts with the legislature or agency of the state that exceeded \$10,000;
- Was a municipality or local government entity; or
- Was affected financially by an action of the legislature or any other state agency in an amount exceeding \$1,000 including actions concerning professional or occupational licenses, natural resource permits or quotas, rates of assessment or taxation, health, safety or environmental standards and insurance or business practices.

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See pages 8-10 of the LFD manual for more help with this section.

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Business Name: _____

Retail Non-Retail (If you check non-retail, list clients/customers, and amounts if required, below.)

Name of client/customer: _____

Client/Customer Address: _____

Nature of Services Provided: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Name of client/customer: _____

Client/Customer Address: _____

Nature of Services Provided: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Name of client/customer: _____

Client/Customer Address: _____

Nature of Services Provided: _____

Amount: \$ _____

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SCHEDULE A SOURCES OF INCOME OVER \$1000

Dividends and Interest

If NONE reportable, check box

Report the name of the source of all dividends, interest and capital gains over \$1000 earned during calendar year 2006, (excluding retirement accounts) such as S.B. Money Market Acct or CD's in ABC Bank.

- List the name(s) of the asset(s) (not in a retirement account) which paid you, your spouse, domestic partner, child or nondependent child living with you, dividends, interest or capital gains of more than \$1000 such as IBM stock or Cordova Municipal Bonds.
- (Report the assets of a retirement account or trust on page 8)

See page 13 of the LFD manual for more help with this section.

Recipient (filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child)

Name of Source of Income

Rental Income

If NONE reportable, check box

List the first and last name of each tenant from whom over \$1000 was received during calendar year 2006. If property is located outside Alaska and managed by a person other than you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent child or nondependent child living with you, you may list the managing agent instead of listing each tenant.

See page 14 of the LFD manual for more help with this section.

Owner (filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child)

Tenant(s)

Other Income

If NONE reportable, check box

List each source of income over \$1000 not listed elsewhere on this statement, including income from the sale of real property; social security; retirement; the assets of an IRA cash-out; the name of the person who paid alimony or child support; government entitlements; honoraria and shared living expenses.

See page 14 of the LFD manual for more help.

Recipient (filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child)

Name of Source

Gary J. Turner

Air Force Retirement - \$18,700

SCHEDULE B BUSINESS INTERESTS

Business Interests

If NONE reportable, check box

Report all business relationships even if they were not sources of income to you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent child or nondependent child living with you during calendar year 2006.

- List ownership interests of more than \$1000 as a shareholder in publicly traded stocks, regardless of income, that are not listed elsewhere on this Statement. (A list of the names of publicly traded stocks such as IBM or Microsoft may be listed by name only on a separate page.)
- List interests in limited liability companies or as a sole proprietor, shareholder, owner, partner, officer, or director including native corporations.
- List involvements in profit and non-profit organizations as an officer or director.

Describe the business's activity with enough detail to tell a reader what the organization actually does.

See page 16 of the LFD manual for more help.

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Gary J. Turner
 Business Name: Kenai River Sportfishing Association 501(c)(3)
 Business Address: P.O. Box 1228 Soldotna AK 99669
 Nature of Interest: Board of Directors
 Description of Business's Activity: Conserve sport fishing + habitat of Kenai River

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Gary J. Turner
 Business Name: Kenai/Soldotna AK Fish + Game Advisory Comte. (ADFG)
 Business Address: 514 Egan River Rd Soldotna AK 99609
 Nature of Interest: Vice Chair
 Description of Business's Activity: Advisory on fish + game issues to ADFG

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____
 Business Name: _____
 Business Address: _____
 Nature of Interest: _____
 Description of Business's Activity: _____

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____
 Business Name: _____
 Business Address: _____
 Nature of Interest: _____
 Description of Business's Activity: _____

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____
 Business Name: _____
 Business Address: _____
 Nature of Interest: _____
 Description of Business's Activity: _____

SCHEDULE B REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS

Real Property Interests

If NONE reportable, check box

Report all real property interests, such as your home, neighboring lots, rent to own homes, rental property, vacant property, recreational property, business property or limited partnerships including real estate held through a trust or sold during calendar year 2006.

Include a street address, city and state or a complete legal description for each piece of property listed.

Use copies of this page if you need additional space to complete this section.

See page 17 of the LFD manual for more help.

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Gary J. + Marlene M. Turner

Street Address or Legal Description: 215 Riverwatch Dr.

City or Borough and State: Soldotna AK 99669

Nature of Interest: Ownership Residential
(Option to Buy, Ownership, Leasehold) Current Use

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Gary J. Turner + Marlene M. Turner

Street Address or Legal Description: Lot 8, Block 3, Marina by the River Subdivision - Plat 84-160, Kam

City or Borough and State: Soldotna AK 99669

Nature of Interest: Ownership Vacant Property
(Option to Buy, Ownership, Leasehold) Current Use

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Street Address or Legal Description: _____

City or Borough and State: _____

Nature of Interest: _____
(Option to Buy, Ownership, Leasehold) Current Use

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Street Address or Legal Description: _____

City or Borough and State: _____

Nature of Interest: _____
(Option to Buy, Ownership, Leasehold) Current Use

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Street Address or Legal Description: _____

City or Borough and State: _____

Nature of Interest: _____
(Option to Buy, Ownership, Leasehold) Current Use

SCHEDULE C LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES, AND DEBTS Of More Than \$1000

Loans, Loan Guarantees, and Debts

If NONE reportable, check box

Report the name of each creditor or lender to whom more than \$1000 was owed during any part of the prior calendar year by you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent children or nondependent children living with you.

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Circle whether the entity is a lender, creditor or guarantor.

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Gary J. + Marlene M. Turner
Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner or child)

First National Bank of AK
Name of Lender/Creditor/Guarantor

Gary J. + Marlene M. Turner
Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner or child)

USA A
Name of Lender/Creditor/Guarantor

Gary J. + Marlene M. Turner
Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner or child)

Wells Fargo Bank
Name of Lender/Creditor/Guarantor

Gary J. + Marlene M. Turner
Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner or child)

Key Bank
Name of Lender/Creditor/Guarantor

LOANS, and LOAN GUARANTEES, Of More Than \$1000

Report the address of the creditor or lender, the original amount of the obligation, current balance owed, interest rate, length of the loan, and whether a written loan agreement exists for a creditor or lender who:

- Hired a lobbyist or was a lobbyist;
- Had or sought contracts with the legislature or agency of the state that exceeded \$10,000;
- Was a municipality or local government entity; or
- Was affected financially by an action of the legislature or any other state agency in an amount exceeding \$1,000 including actions concerning professional or occupational licenses, natural resource permits or quotas, rates of assessment or taxation, health, safety or environmental standards and insurance or business practices.

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See page 18 of the LFD manual for more information about the reporting requirements.

Source of a loan or loan guarantee that had a substantial interest in legislative, administrative or political actions.

Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child)

Name of Lender/Creditor

\$ _____
Original Amount Owed

\$ _____
Balance Owed

Address of Lender/Creditor

_____%
Interest Rate

Length of Loan

Does written loan agreement exist? YES NO

**SCHEDULE C
BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN RETIREMENT ACCOUNT TRUSTS
Exceeding \$1000**

Retirement Accounts Trusts

IF NONE reportable, check box

Report each beneficial interest in a retirement account or trust during calendar year 2006 for you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent children or nondependent children living with the filer. Trusts include employee benefit accounts (pension and profit-sharing accounts), retirement accounts (IRA, 401K, SEP, Keogh) and family trust funds. Assets of a trust/retirement account include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, cash accounts, CD's, real property, and interests in limited partnerships.

- Name the trustor (the person who provided the funds or assets for the trust).
- List the assets by name such as IBM stock or Templeton Growth Fund

See page 20 of the LFD manual for more help.

Gary J. Turner 100%
 Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

Gary J. Turner
 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

Alaska Pers
 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust

Gary J. Turner 100%
 Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

Gary J. Turner
 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

American Century Ultra - Inst
 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in retirement account or trust

Gary J. Turner 100%
 Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

Gary J. Turner
 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

Dodge + Cox Stock
 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust

Gary J. Turner 100%
 Name of filer, spouse or domestic partner, or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

Gary J. Turner
 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

Julius Baer International Equity Fund A
 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust

Gary J. Turner 100%
 Name of filer, spouse or domestic partner, or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

Gary J. Turner
 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

Rouse Premier - Investment
 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust

**SCHEDULE C
BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS/TRUSTS
Exceeding \$1000**

Retirement Accounts Trusts

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Report each beneficial interest in a retirement account or trust during calendar year 2006 for you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent children or nondependent children living with the filer. Trusts include employee benefit accounts (pension and profit-sharing accounts), retirement accounts (IRA, 401K, SEP, Keogh) and family trust funds. Assets of a trust/retirement account include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, cash accounts, CD's, real property, and interests in limited partnerships.

- Name the trustor (the person who provided the funds or assets for the trust).
- List the assets by name such as IBM stock or Templeton Growth Fund

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Gary J. Turner 100%
 Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

Gary J. Turner
 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

SEA S+P 500 Fund - A
 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust

 Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust

 Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust

 Name of filer, spouse or domestic partner, or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust

 Name of filer, spouse or domestic partner, or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust

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SCHEDULE C GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND LEASES CERTIFICATION

Contracts and Offers to Contract

If NONE reportable, check box

List all contracts and offers to contract with the state or instrumentality of the state during calendar year 2006 held, bid or offered. Report this information for yourself, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent child or nondependent child living with the filer who was a sole proprietor, a partnership or professional corporation of which you are a member, or a corporation in which you or your family members listed above (or a combination of them) held a controlling interest.
See page 21 of the LFD manual for more help.

Name(s) of Contractor

Contracting Agency/Department

Indicate: Bid, held or offer made

Contract number and description

Natural Resource Leases

If NONE reportable, check box

List all natural resource leases, including mineral, timber, or oil leases bid held or offered during calendar year 2006. Report this information for yourself, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent child or nondependent child living with the filer who was a sole proprietor, a partnership or professional corporation of which you are a member, or a corporation in which you or your family members listed above (or a combination of them) held a controlling interest.
See page 22 of the LFD manual for more help.

Leaseholder

Nature of Lease

Indicate: Bid, held or offer made

Identity of Lease and Description

CERTIFICATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information in this Statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete. A person who makes a false sworn certification which he or she does not believe to be true is guilty of perjury.

[Signature]
SIGNATURE

12/24/06
DATE

Gary J. Turner
Printed Name of Filer

Home
Place

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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 17, 2007

To: Representative Ramras, Chair
Judiciary Committee

From: Suzi Lowell 
Chief Clerk

Subject: Chief Justice's Appointment

Speaker Harris referred the following appointment by Dana Fabe, Chief Justice, to the Judiciary Committee:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
Gary J. Turner - Soldotna

The committee report is attached for your use.

Attachment as noted



Chambers of
Dana Fabe
Chief Justice

Supreme Court
State of Alaska

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Anchorage, Alaska
99501-2083

(907) 264-0622
FAX (907) 264-0554

August 17, 2006

The Honorable Ben Stevens
Senate President
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

The Honorable John Harris
Speaker of the House
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear President Stevens
and Speaker Harris:

In my capacity as Chief Justice, and pursuant to AS 24.60.130(b)(3), I am nominating Gary J. Turner to a term as a public member of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

Mr. Turner is the Director of Kenai Peninsula College, a campus of the University of Alaska, and is also a retired Air Force officer. For purposes of determining compliance with AS 24.60.130(c), Mr. Turner is a Republican.

Mr. Turner can be reached at (907) 262-2366 (home) or (907) 262-0315 (work). His mailing address is 215 River Watch Drive, Soldotna, Alaska 99669, and his e-mail address is ingjt@uaa.alaska.edu. Please let me know if I can provide you with any other information on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dana Fabe
Chief Justice

DF:jd

cc: Gary J. Turner
Joyce Anderson

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

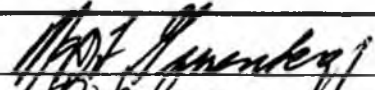


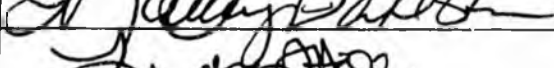
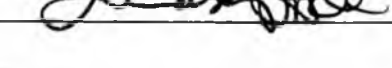
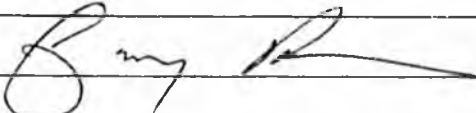
Action date: January 24, 2007

The Judiciary Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following Chief Justice's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to the House for ratification:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

H. Conner Thomas

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 ratification.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
	Gruentig
	Lynn
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	Holmes
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Chair:	

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RESUME

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Nome, Alaska 99762
907-443-5226/fax: 907-443-5098
e-mail: nomelaw@gci.net

EDUCATION

University of Louisville, School of Law
Louisville, Kentucky
J.D. (1977)

University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky
B.A. Economics (1973)

EMPLOYMENT

- Larson, Timbers & Thomas, P.C.** August 1986 to present
Nome, Alaska
Associate and partner in a small general practice law firm
- State of Alaska, Public Defender Agency** May 1983 to August 1986
Nome, Alaska
Representing indigent criminal defendants
- State of Alaska Court System - magistrate** September 1982 to May 1983
Nome, Alaska
Arraign criminal defendants, preside over misdemeanor trials, act as master in child in need of aid and juvenile delinquency cases
- Alaska Legal Services Corporation** October 1979 to September 1982
Nome, Alaska
Staff and supervising attorney for law office representing indigent clients in civil cases
- U.S. Department of Interior** May 1979 to October 1979
Anchorage, Alaska
Land adjudicator
- VISTA Volunteer** October 1977 to January 1979
Fairbanks and Nome, Alaska
Staff attorney with Protection and Advocacy for developmentally disabled, Fairbanks, Alaska

Staff attorney with Alaska Legal Services Corporation, Nome, Alaska

ORGANIZATION

Legislative Ethic Committee
Public Member

January 1999 to present

Nome Kennel Club
Nome, Alaska
President, Board of Directors

December 1992 to present

Alaska Civil Liberties Union
Board of Directors

April 1994 to October 1997

Citizen Review Committee
Department of Health & Social Services

October 1985 to January 1987

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2007 LEGISLATIVE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(AS 24.60.200 - 24.60.260)

INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO COMPLETE THIS REPORT

- ◆ This report is for incumbent legislators, legislative directors and public members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.
- ◆ This report covers the preceding calendar year, so include only information about financial interests held and business involvements between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006.
- ◆ You must show your own financial interests and those held by your spouse or domestic partner, dependent children and nondependent children living with you during calendar year 2006.
- ◆ If you need additional space to complete this report, use copies of the pages needed.
- ◆ The LFD Manual contains useful information about how to complete this report.
- ◆ If you have any questions or need help completing the form, refer to the instruction manual.
- ◆ If you still need help, call APOC at 907/276-4176.

SIGN THIS REPORT ON THE LAST PAGE. THIS REPORT IS DUE March 15, 2007.

Members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics file on January 8, 2007.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

NAME: H. Conner Thomas 907-443-5226 907-443-5098

Phone Number Fax Number

OCCUPATION: Attorney

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 61 nomelaw@pci.net

(Street Address or Post Office Box)

E-Mail Address

Nome, AK 99762

(City/Town and Zip Code)

Day Phone Number 907-4443-5226

Day Fax Number 907-443-5098

OFFICE HELD (Check One): Legislator Legislative Director

Public member of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

TITLE: Chairperson of House Subcommittee

FAMILY MEMBER INFORMATION (List names):

SPOUSE OR DOMESTIC PARTNER: Margaret Ann Thomas

DEPENDENT CHILDREN: Maisie Emerson Thomas

NONDEPENDENT CHILDREN: _____

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SCHEDULE A SOURCES OF INCOME OVER \$1000

Salaried Employment

If NONE reportable, check box

Report the name and address of each employer who paid you, your spouse or domestic partner, dependent children or nondependent children living with you more than \$1000 during calendar year 2006.

List your employment as a legislator or legislative director, and each source of salaried income over \$1000 for you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent children and nondependent children living with you. You are not required to disclose the amount of salary received by your family members or the salary you received from your state employment.

Provide enough detail when describing the nature of services to tell a reader what work was performed for the salary received.

Report the amount of income you received when your employer:

- Hired a lobbyist or was a lobbyist;
- Had or sought contracts with the legislature or agency of the state that exceeded \$10,000;
- Was a municipality or local government entity; or
- Was affected financially by an action of the legislature or any other state agency in an amount exceeding \$1,000 including actions concerning professional or occupational licenses, natural resource permits or quotas, rates of assessment or taxation, health, safety or environmental standards and insurance or business practices.

Use copies of this page if you need additional space to complete this section.
See pages 6-8 of the LFD manual for more help with this section.

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Margaret Ann Thomas

Employer's Name: Nome Public Schools

Employer's Address: P.O. Box 131, Nome, AK 99762

Nature of Services Provided: Special Education Institutional Aide

Amount: \$ not required for family member

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Employer's Name: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Nature of Services Provided: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Employer's Name: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Nature of Services Provided: _____

Amount: \$ _____

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SCHEDULE A SOURCES OF INCOME OVER \$1000

Self-Employment

If NONE reportable, check box

Self-employment results when the person whose income is being reported worked in any of the following: a corporation in which you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent children, nondependent children living with you or a combination of them held a controlling interest, or a sole proprietorship, limited liability company, partnership, or professional corporation in which the person whose income is being reported has an ownership interest.

List the name, address, and nature of services provided for each self-employment source of income from whom more than \$1000 was received as compensation for personal services by you or a family member. Provide enough detail when describing the nature of services to tell a reader what work was performed for the compensation received.

If the business is non-retail, list the nature of services performed and the name and address of each client or customer who paid the business over \$1000 during calendar year 2006.

Report the amount of income you received from a client, patient or customer when the client, patient, or customer:

- Hired a lobbyist or was a lobbyist;
- Had or sought contracts with the legislature or agency of the state that exceeded \$10,000;
- Was a municipality or local government entity; or
- Was affected financially by an action of the legislature or any other state agency in an amount exceeding \$1,000 including actions concerning professional or occupational licenses, natural resource permits or quotas, rates of assessment or taxation, health, safety or environmental standards and insurance or business practices.

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See pages 8-10 of the LFD manual for more help with this section.

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: H. Connor Thomas

Business Name: Lewis & Thomas, P.C., P.O. Box 61, Nome, AK 99762

Retail Non-Retail (If you check non-retail, list clients/customers, and amounts if required, below.)

Name of client/customer: Attachment A

Client/Customer Address: Attachment A

Nature of Services Provided: legal services

Amount: \$ _____

Name of client/customer: _____

Client/Customer Address: _____

Nature of Services Provided: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Name of client/customer: _____

Client/Customer Address: _____

Nature of Services Provided: _____

Amount: \$ _____

**SCHEDULE A
SOURCES OF INCOME OVER \$1000**

Dividends and Interest

If NONE reportable, check box

Report the name of the source of all dividends, interest and capital gains over \$1000 earned during calendar year 2006, (excluding retirement accounts) such as S.B. Money Market Acct or CD's in ABC Bank.

- List the name(s) of the asset(s) (not in a retirement account) which paid you, your spouse, domestic partner, child or nondependent child living with you, dividends, interest or capital gains of more than \$1000 such as IBM stock or Cordova Municipal Bonds.
- (Report the assets of a retirement account or trust on page 8)

See page 13 of the LFD manual for more help with this section.

Recipient (filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child)

Name of Source of Income

R. Connor and Margaret A. Thomas

Wachovia Securities Brokerage Account
See Attachment B

Rental Income

If NONE reportable, check box

List the first and last name of each tenant from whom over \$1000 was received during calendar year 2006. If property is located outside Alaska and managed by a person other than you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent child or nondependent child living with you, you may list the managing agent instead of listing each tenant.

See page 14 of the LFD manual for more help with this section.

Owner (filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child)

Tenant(s)

Other Income

If NONE reportable, check box

List each source of income over \$1000 not listed elsewhere on this statement, including income from the sale of real property; social security; retirement; the assets of an IRA cash-out; the name of the person who paid alimony or child support; government entitlements; honoraria and shared living expenses.

See page 14 of the LFD manual for more help.

Recipient (filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child)

Name of Source

SCHEDULE B BUSINESS INTERESTS

Business Interests

If NONE reportable, check box

Report all business relationships even if they were not sources of income to you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent child or nondependent child living with you during calendar year 2006.

- List ownership interests of more than \$1000 as a shareholder in publicly traded stocks, regardless of income, that are not listed elsewhere on this Statement. (A list of the names of publicly traded stocks such as IBM or Microsoft may be listed by name only on a separate page.)
- List interests in limited liability companies or as a sole proprietor, shareholder, owner, partner, officer, or director including native corporations.
- List involvements in profit and non-profit organizations as an officer or director.

Describe the business's activity with enough detail to tell a reader what the organization actually does.

See page 16 of the LFD manual for more help.

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: H. Conner Thomas

Business Name: Lewis & Thomas, P.C.

Business Address: P.O. Box 61, Nome, AK 99762

Nature of Interest: Shareholder/Partner/Owner

Description of Business's Activity: legal services

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Nature of Interest: _____

Description of Business's Activity: _____

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Nature of Interest: _____

Description of Business's Activity: _____

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Nature of Interest: _____

Description of Business's Activity: _____

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Nature of Interest: _____

Description of Business's Activity: _____

SCHEDULE B REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS

Real Property Interests

If NONE reportable, check box

Report all real property interests, such as your home, neighboring lots, rent to own home, rental property, vacant property, recreational property, business property or limited partnerships including real estate held through a trust or sold during calendar year 2006.

Include a street address, city and state or a complete legal description for each piece of property listed.

Use copies of this page if you need additional space to complete this section.

See page 17 of the LFD manual for more help.

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: H. Conner Thomas & Margaret A. Thomas

Street Address or Legal Description: Lots 13B, 14B and 15B, First Addition to Banner Creek Subdivision

City or Borough and State: Cape Nome Recording District, Alaska

Nature of Interest: Owner Residential & investment
(Option to Buy, Ownership, Leasehold) Current Use

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: H. Conner Thomas and Margaret A. Thomas

Street Address or Legal Description: Lots 5 and 6, Melsing Creek Subdivision, Second Judicial District

City or Borough and State: Cape Nome Recording District, Alaska

Nature of Interest: Owner Recreational
(Option to Buy, Ownership, Leasehold) Current Use

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Street Address or Legal Description: _____

City or Borough and State: _____

Nature of Interest: _____
(Option to Buy, Ownership, Leasehold) Current Use

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Street Address or Legal Description: _____

City or Borough and State: _____

Nature of Interest: _____
(Option to Buy, Ownership, Leasehold) Current Use

Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: _____

Street Address or Legal Description: _____

City or Borough and State: _____

Nature of Interest: _____
(Option to Buy, Ownership, Leasehold) Current Use

SCHEDULE C LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES, AND DEBTS Of More Than \$1000

Loans, Loan Guarantees, and Debts

If NONE reportable, check box

Report the name of each creditor or lender to whom more than \$1000 was owed during any part of the prior calendar year by you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent children or nondependent children living with you.

List financial obligations including mortgages on property sold during calendar year 2006; loans that have been guaranteed, delinquent taxes, alimony, child support payments; medical bills; mortgage, boat and auto loans; business and personal loans; escrow's; student loans; signature loans; and promissory notes. Loans include secured, unsecured and contingent loans. Do not report credit card obligations or revolving charge accounts.

Circle whether the entity is a lender, creditor or guarantor.

See page 18 of the LFD manual for more information about the reporting requirements.

Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner or child)

Name of Lender/Creditor/Guarantor

Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner or child)

Name of Lender/Creditor/Guarantor

Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner or child)

Name of Lender/Creditor/Guarantor

Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner or child)

Name of Lender/Creditor/Guarantor

LOANS, and LOAN GUARANTEES, Of More Than \$1000

Report the address of the creditor or lender, the original amount of the obligation, current balance owed, interest rate, length of the loan, and whether a written loan agreement exists for a creditor or lender who:

- Hired a lobbyist or was a lobbyist;
- Had or sought contracts with the legislature or agency of the state that exceeded \$10,000;
- Was a municipality or local government entity; or
- Was affected financially by an action of the legislature or any other state agency in an amount exceeding \$1,000 including actions concerning professional or occupational licenses, natural resource permits or quotas, rates of assessment or taxation, health, safety or environmental standards and insurance or business practices.

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Source of a loan or loan guarantee that had a substantial interest in legislative, administrative or political actions.

Name of Debtor (filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child)

Name of Lender/Creditor

\$ _____
Original Amount Owed

\$ _____
Balance Owed

Address of Lender/Creditor

_____%
Interest Rate

Length of Loan

Does written loan agreement exist? YES NO

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**SCHEDULE C
BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS/TRUSTS
Exceeding \$1000**

Retirement Accounts Trusts

IF NONE reportable, check box

Report each beneficial interest in a retirement account or trust during calendar year 2006 for you, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent children or nondependent children living with the filer. Trusts include employee benefit accounts (pension and profit-sharing accounts), retirement accounts (IRA, 401K, SEP, Keogh) and family trust funds. Assets of a trust/retirement account include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, cash accounts, CD's, real property, and interests in limited partnerships.

- Name the trustor (the person who provided the funds or assets for the trust).
- List the assets by name such as IBM stock or Templeton Growth Fund

See page 20 of the LFD manual for more help.

H. Conner Thomas Various (see below)
 Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

Lewis & Thomas, P.C.
 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

Ltd. Partnership Merrill Lynch (33% ownership; Attachment C); 401(K) plan
 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust
(100% ownership; Attachment D)

H. Conner Thomas 100%
 Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

IRA Account, Wachovia Securities
 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

Attachment E
 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust

H. Conner Thomas 100%
 Name of filer, spouse, domestic partner, or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

State of Alaska, SBS, PERS
 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

Attachment F
 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust

Margaret A. Thomas 100%
 Name of filer, spouse or domestic partner, or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

New York Life Insurance Annuity, Sun Life of Canada Annuity, IRA Account
 Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor) Wachovia Securities, State of Alaska

Attachment G, H, I and J SBS & PERS
 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust

Maisie E. Thomas 100%
 Name of filer, spouse or domestic partner, or child: Extent of Interest (Percent)

Name of the person, employer or entity who provided the funds or assets (Trustor)

H. Conner Thomas and Margaret A. Thomas, (T. Rowe Price University of Alaska
 Name(s) of the stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets contained in the retirement account or trust
529 Account) Attachment K

**SCHEDULE C
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND LEASES
CERTIFICATION**

Contracts and Offers to Contract

If NONE reportable, check box

List all contracts and offers to contract with the state or instrumentality of the state during calendar year 2006 held, bid or offered. Report this information for yourself, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent child or nondependent child living with the filer who was a sole proprietor, a partnership or professional corporation of which you are a member; or a corporation in which you or your family members listed above (or a combination of them) held a controlling interest.
See page 21 of the LFD manual for more help.

Lewis & Thomas, P.C.
Name(s) of Contractor

Administration/Office of Public Contracting Agency/Department Advocacy)

Held
Indicate: Bid, held or offer made

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Natural Resource Leases

If NONE reportable, check box

List all natural resource leases, including mineral, timber, or oil leases bid held or offered during calendar year 2006. Report this information for yourself, your spouse, domestic partner, dependent child or nondependent child living with the filer who was a sole proprietor, a partnership or professional corporation of which you are a member, or a corporation in which you or your family members listed above (or a combination of them) held a controlling interest.
See page 22 of the LFD manual for more help.

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Nature of Lease

Indicate: Bid, held or offer made

Identity of Lease and Description

CERTIFICATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information in this Statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete. A person who makes a false sworn certification which he or she does not believe to be true is guilty of perjury.

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