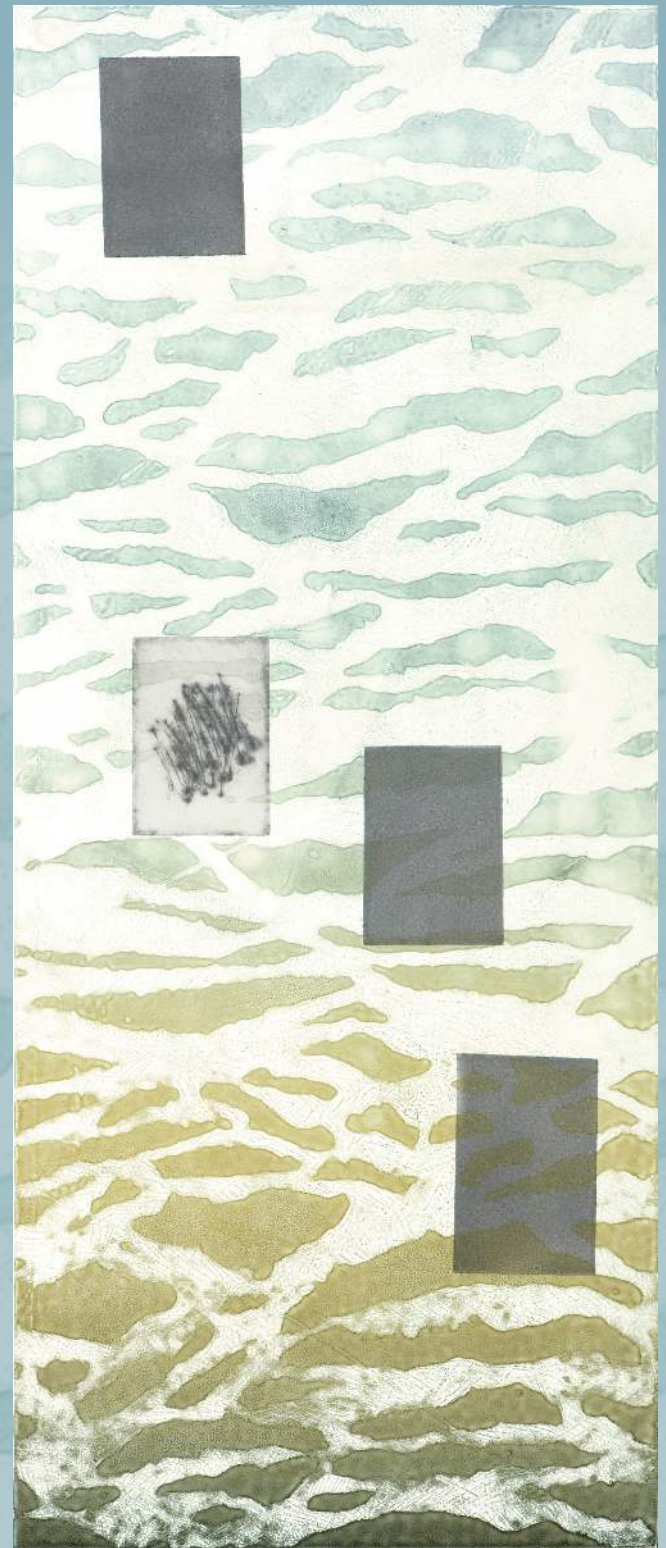


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2010 ANNUAL REPORT



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Introduction & Overview

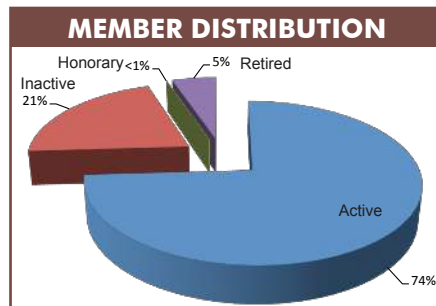
In 2010, the Alaska Bar Association had 4,037 members in the following categories: 2,990 Active (2,451 In-state and 539 Outside), 837 Inactive, 210 Retired, and 1 Honorary. Its affairs are governed by a 12-member Board of nine attorneys and three non-attorney citizens. A (non-voting) New Lawyer Liaison also advises the Board.

Written guidelines for governance are contained in the Integrated Bar Act, the Alaska Bar Rules (promulgated by the Supreme Court of Alaska), the Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct, the Association's Bylaws and Regulations, the Board of Governors' Policy Manual, and a Personnel Manual.

The two most important functions of the Bar are the admission and discipline of its members, both of which are carried out under the supervision of the Alaska Supreme Court.

There are presently 13 standing committees, 27 sections, 5 bar rule committees, and special committees as appointed by the Board. In addition, the Bar Association participates in a number of adjunct organizations and administers special projects, such as the Statewide Lawyer Referral Service. More than half of the membership participates, voluntarily and without remuneration, in the affairs of the association.

The staff of the Alaska Bar has grown from a part-time, volunteer executive secretary when it was founded in 1968, to 20 employees.



The association is primarily funded by its membership's annual dues, continuing legal education program registration fees, admissions, the annual convention, the Lawyer Referral Service, and investment income. The association received no public monies in the 2010 fiscal year.

Principal Activities

• Bar Examination

The Alaska Bar Examination is conducted twice annually in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau. It consists of: 1) one day of essay questions on Alaska law prepared by a permanent committee of the Association known as the Alaska Law Examiners; 2) two half-days of objective, multiple choice

2006 - 2010 Bar Exam Results			
Date	Applicants	Passed	Pass Rate
July 2010	85	63	74%
	72 1st timers	58	81%
Feb. 2010	53	35	66%
	36 1st timers	29	81%
July 2009	63	40	63%
	44 1st timers	35	80%
Feb. 2009	50	26	52%
	35 1st timers	22	63%
July 2008	59	40	68%
	51 1st timers	39	76%
Feb. 2008	37	27	73%
	20 1st timers	18	90%
July 2007	75	52	69%
	54 1st timers	47	87%
Feb. 2007	54	26	48%
	24 1st timers	17	71%
July 2006	82	52	63%
	64 1st timers	46	72%
Feb. 2006	66	40	61%
	46 1st timers	36	78%

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Admissions

All applicants are required to attend a course on ethics as prescribed by the Board prior to admission.

All applicants must also submit an affidavit that they have read and are familiar with the Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct. (Bar Rule 64)

questions (the Multistate Bar Examination or “MBE”), prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) and administered simultaneously in 48 states and D.C.; and 3) a half day of the performance test (the Multistate Performance Test or “MPT”) prepared by NCBE.

In addition, a Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE) is given separately three times a year (March, August, and November).

In 2010, 138 individuals took the Bar Exam and 98 passed the exam.

ADMISSION WITHOUT EXAMINATION

Bar Rule 2, Section 2 provides an admission without examination rule, with reciprocity provisions. An applicant who has taken a written bar exam in a reciprocal jurisdiction and has engaged in the active practice of law for five of the previous seven years may be eligible for reciprocal admission.

In 2010, 20 applicants were approved for admission without examination.

• Discipline of Members

The Alaska Supreme Court has held that an attorney’s license to practice law is “a continuing proclamation by the Court that the holder is fit to be entrusted with professional and judicial matters...as an officer of the courts.” Investigation and recommendations for professional conduct matters have been delegated by the Court to the Bar Association.

Expenditures for the Discipline Section totaled \$787,169 during 2010 or 30% of the Bar Association’s budget. This represents a substantial allocation of the Bar’s resources for the protection of clients, the public, and the legal system in Alaska.

2010 GRIEVANCES

The Discipline Section processed 258 grievances in 2010, compared to 266 in 2009, representing a 3% decrease. Summary statistical data related to discipline status are contained in the charts.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC DISCIPLINE ACTIONS IN 2010

- The Alaska Supreme Court disbarred Jody P. Brion with conditions effective March 24, 2010, and Dennis R. Acker with conditions effective December 9, 2010.
- The Court suspended Ra P. Shipp for five years with conditions on May 26, 2010; Eugene B. Cyrus for five years with two years stayed, probation for three years following suspension, and conditions effective March 5, 2009 (the date of his interim suspension); and Kevin M. Morford for five years with conditions effective January 7, 2008 (the date of his interim suspension).



Discipline Case Statistics¹

2006-2010

	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10
Open cases pending as of Jan. 1	61	58	86	112	98
New cases opened in 2008(+)	43	59	65	39	29
TOTAL open and new cases	104	117	151	151	127

Cases closed in 2006-2010

Closed after disbarment by Supreme Court	0	2	3	7	24
Closed after suspension by Supreme Court	7	5	7	21	10
Closed after probation ended	0	0	0	0	0
Closed after public censure by Supreme Court	0	1	0	0	0
Closed after reprimand publicly imposed by Disciplinary Board	2	1	0	0	0
Closed after reprimand privately imposed by Disciplinary Board	2	0	6	0	1**
Closed after written private admonition by Bar Counsel	4	1	1	3	4
Dismissed by Bar Counsel	31	21	22	22	24
Closed after mediation	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL closed cases (-)	46	31	39	53	63

Open cases pending as of Dec. 31, 2010 **58 86 112 98 63***

¹ All numbers reflect individual grievances filed and not the number of attorneys involved.

* Corrected figure reflecting one pre-2010 case reported twice.

** Supreme Court acted as Disciplinary Board in this case.

Status of Open Cases as of December 31, 2010

	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10
Pending First Response from Respondent Attorney	3	15	9	11	1
Pending Complainant's Reply	1	1	0	2	0
Pending Second Response from Respondent Attorney	0	2	0	2	0
Pending Bar Counsel Investigation/Decision	23	33	45	28	34
Abeyance Pending Outcome of Related Court Case	9	9	9	8	17
Pending Mediation	0	0	0	0	0
Abeyance Pending Outcome of Fee Arbitration	0	0	0	0	0
Pending Approval to Issue Written Private Admonition	0	0	0	0	0
Pending Acceptance of Written Private Admonition by Respondent Attorney	0	0	0	0	0
Pending Approval to File Petition for Formal Hearing	10	11	7	6	2
Pending Stipulation for Discipline between Bar Counsel and Respondent Attorney	0	0	0	1	1
Pending Stipulation Consideration by Disciplinary Board	0	0	0	0	0
Pending Stipulation Consideration by Supreme Court	0	3	6	0	0
Pending before Area Hearing Committee	5	0	29*	9	1
Pending before Disciplinary Board	5	8	0	3	2
Pending before Supreme Court	1	3	6	27	4
Respondent Attorney on Probation	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL open cases	58	86	112	98	63

*These 29 cases (2008) reflected complaints against six lawyers. Among the six, one lawyer is responsible for 14 cases, one lawyer for 7 cases, and two lawyers for 3 cases each.

Disbarred or suspended lawyers may not resume practice until reinstated by order of the Court.

SUMMARY OF REINSTATEMENT ACTIONS IN 2010

A suspended or disbarred attorney may be reinstated by the Alaska Supreme Court, but only after the appropriate review procedures are followed.

“ The Bar Association, under the Alaska Bar Rules, maintains an Attorney Fee Dispute Review Committee to hear fee disputes between attorneys and clients. ”

The Court reinstated James F. Clark on November 5, 2010, and Jay D. Durych with conditions on November 12, 2010. James J. Hanlon's petition was dismissed on November 23, 2010, without prejudice to refile. Irwin Ravin had been reinstated on June 6, 2008, but had not paid his bar dues to make the reinstatement effective before he died on April 13, 2010.

SUMMARY OF DISABILITY ACTIONS IN 2010

The Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement also anticipate circumstances where the need for protection of the public arises from mental or physical infirmity, illness, or addiction to controlled substances.

Jeffrey A. Gould applied for reinstatement on September 10, 2010. His petition will be heard by a hearing committee and the Disciplinary Board. A recommendation will then be made to the Alaska Supreme Court.

The Attorney Fee Dispute Review Committee

The Bar Association, under the Alaska Bar Rules, maintains an Attorney Fee Dispute Review Committee to hear fee disputes between attorneys and clients where such disputes have not been determined by statute, court rule, or decision. Five subcommittees residing in Ketchikan, Juneau, Anchorage, Kenai and Fairbanks comprise the Committee. Each subcommittee consists of a "pool" of attorney and non-attorney members

2006 - 2010 Fee Arbitration Statistics

	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10
Arbitrations pending January 1	27	26	34	33	25
Arbitrations opened during year (+)	53	58	70	62	46
Arbitrations closed during year (-)	54	51	71	70	49
Arbitrations pending Dec. 31 year-end	26	33	33	25	22

who serve for three years on a volunteer basis. From these subcommittees, a panel of two attorneys and one non-attorney is convened to hear a fee dispute. If the amount in dispute is \$5,000 or less, a single panel member hears the matter:

The Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Committee

The Bar Association maintains a fund for the purpose of reimbursing attorneys' clients or others who have suffered non-insured losses of money, property, or other things of value, as a result of dishonest conduct by attorneys. Dishonest conduct is defined as acts of embezzlement, wrongful taking, or conversion of money, property, or other things of value. The fund also pays the cost of trustee counsel appointed by the superior court to close the practice of a deceased sole practitioner or a lawyer who

2010 LFCP Actions

Case Number	Reimbursement(s)* Paid by Board	Reimbursement(s) Rejected by Board	Reimbursement(s) Rejected by LFCP Committee
2009L001	\$3,000		
2009L005	\$3,000		
2009L006	\$2,000		
2009L009		\$4,000**	
2009L010	\$1,445		
2009L012	\$1,000		
2009L013	\$2,000		
2009L014	\$3,700		
2009L015	\$2,824		
2009L016	\$5,000		
2010L001	\$2,025		
2010L002	\$6,995		
2010L003	\$2,850		
2010L004	\$1,959.58		
2010L006	\$2,500		
2010L007	\$5,200		
2010L009	\$1,000		
TOTAL	\$46,498.58	\$4,000	

*These figures reflect reimbursements from the Fund which may be less than the amount requested by the claimant.

**The claimants were referred to the Bar Association's fee arbitration program.

has abandoned his or her practice. The monies of the fund come from yearly assessments on active members (paid concurrently with membership dues), as well as investment income.

At the close of 2010, four (4) claims were pending before the LFCP Committee. The Committee and the Board took action on seventeen (17) claims during the year.

No trustee counsel fees and expenses were incurred during 2010.

• Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

The Alaska Bar Association provides continuing legal education through its CLE department. The CLE Director is responsible for administering all programs and activities, to include the library, and has a 15-member advising committee consisting of Bar members from each judicial district, two new lawyer representatives, and one judicial representative selected by the Alaska Court System. The substantive law sections of the Bar Association are responsible for working with the CLE Director to develop and co-sponsor programs with a minimum of one CLE seminar every two years.

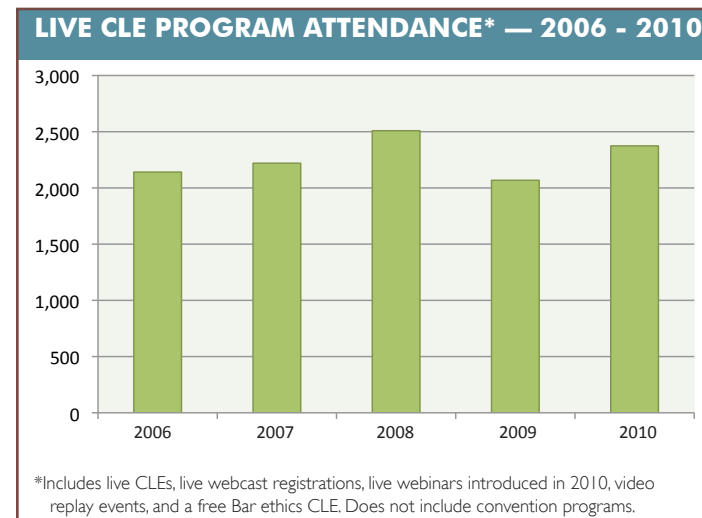
2006 - 2010 CLE PROGRAMS SUMMARY					
	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10
Topics	26.....	30.....	26.....	25.....	23
Live Bar Programs	27.....	33.....	26.....	25.....	34
Live Webcasts	—.....	10.....	17.....	16.....	17
Live Webinars	—.....	—.....	—.....	—.....	28
Convention CLE Programs	14.....	10.....	11.....	9.....	9

CLE PROGRAMS

In 2010 the majority of live CLE programs were presented in Anchorage, which has the largest concentration of lawyers in the state. To provide CLE opportunities for attorneys practicing outside of Anchorage, the Bar webcasted the bulk of those programs, and provides the CLE materials along with a DVD, to be available for purchase through the Bar's online CLE Library Catalog.

For the past five years, the Bar has sustained a relationship with InReach, formerly known as LegalSpan, to provide a platform for live webcasting and online archived programs for self-study. These archived programs are available 24/7 and are not only viewable via computer, but may be downloaded to a personal iPod for "CLE to go."

In recognition of many attorneys living outside the Anchorage area, webinar programming began in January of 2010. Webinars are attended online and are provided by Webex. The Webex



CLE Attendance: A closer look

- Live CLE programs attendance totaled 2,374 in 2010. Programs were delivered in a variety of formats for the year:

Format	Attendance
Live seminars	1,598
Live webcasts	315
Live webinars	340
Video replay events	121

- CLE programs also were provided via the CLE Library:

Online archive downloads	675
DVD orders	128

- In addition, 602 individuals attended one or more CLE events at the annual convention.

MCLE Compliance

A total of 2,867 active members of the Bar reported compliance with the MCLE Rule for calendar year 2010.

Legal education hours reported by attorneys were as follows:*

CLE Credits	# of Attorneys
Required 3 hours of ethics CLE only	458
Voluntary additional hours	
1	35
2	60
3	141
4	56
5	33
6	79
7	33
8	17
9 or more	1955

*Reported as of March 17, 2011

system is able to recognize whether a viewer has either high-speed Internet or has a dial-up connection, and is able to adjust its feed. This format makes it easier for attorneys in remote locations to access live, interactive programming. Webinars provide one-hour programs within a topical series and are also available for archived self-study. Video replays are also distributed for groups of attorneys who are unable to attend "live" sessions.

• Mandatory CLE

In January of 2008, the Alaska Supreme Court amended Alaska Bar Rule 65, to require Active members of the Bar to participate in continuing legal education (CLE) and report their compliance by April 15 annually.

In 2010, over 99% of Active members reported MCLE compliance.

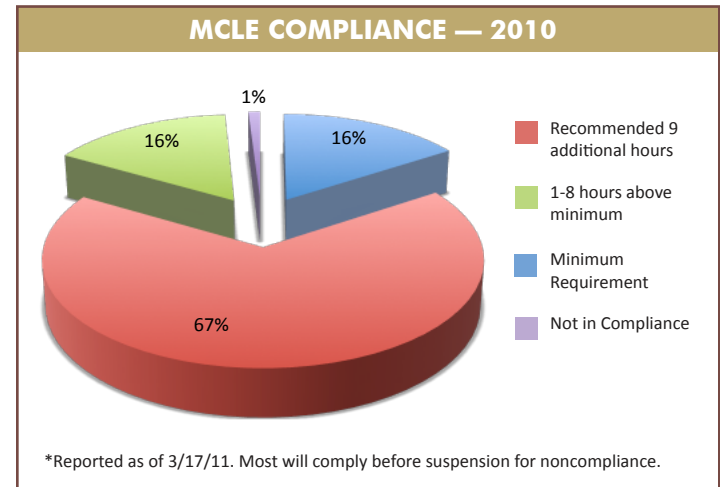
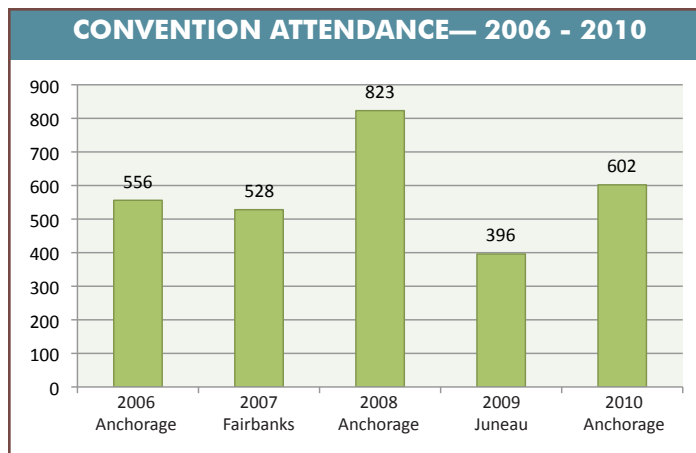
Rule 65 provides that each year, Active members:

- are required to earn a minimum of 3 CLE ethics credits
- are encouraged to earn at least 9 additional CLE credits

- report that they completed the 3 mandatory credits in ethics
- report whether they earned the 9 additional voluntary credits
- report an estimate of how many credits were earned if less than 9

Bar members can earn CLE credits in various ways, including: attendance at live CLE programs sponsored by the Alaska Bar Association and other legal organizations, watching webcasts of CLE programs, viewing downloaded programs from the Bar CLE library, attendance at section meetings which offer substantive educational presentations, attendance at Bar convention programs, teaching CLE programs, attendance at accredited CLE programs in other jurisdictions, and participation in certain Alaska Bar Association and Alaska Supreme Court committees.

Of the 34 live CLE programs offered in 2010, 23 included ethics credits. One 3-hour ethics program was offered free of charge. That program was produced live in Anchorage and was also available by webcast and DVD at no cost to Bar members.



• Section Activities

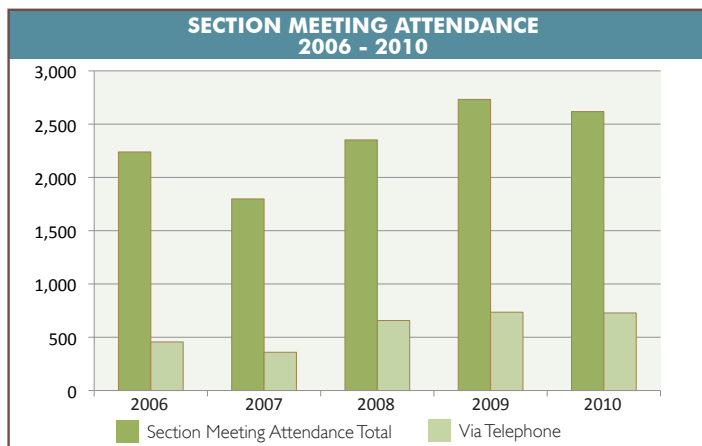
In 2010 there were 27 active substantive law sections, with a total individual membership of 2,388 for all sections, an increase of 74 from 2009. The total, including members with multiple sections, was 3,126. Two new sections were formed in 2010: Social Security Disability Advocacy and Unbundled Law.

Section meeting attendance totaled 2,618 for the year.

Working with the CLE Director, the Bar's sections are responsible for sponsoring a minimum of one CLE Seminar every two years.

2010 was the 8th year that the Alaska Bar has collaborated with the Seattle University School of Law summer law school program. Students of the Seattle University's summer law program at UAA meet with two of the Bar's substantive law sections, Alaska Native Law and Environmental/Natural Resources Law. Section members discuss case law and answer questions regarding the practice of law with the students enrolled in the program.

See Appendix B for the list of 2010 sections and chairs.



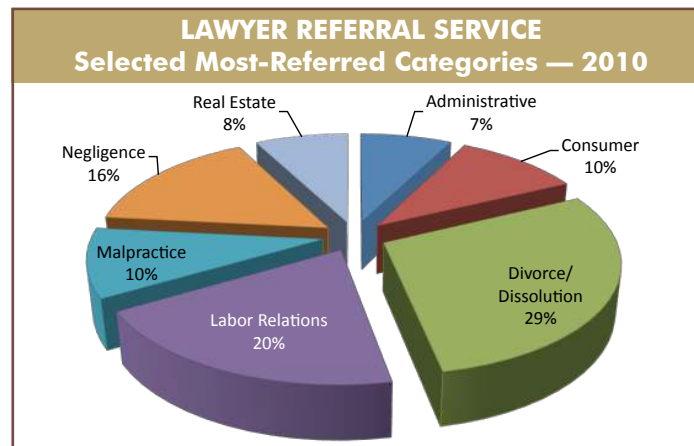
• Lawyer Referral Service

The Bar Association operates a statewide Lawyer Referral Service for the purpose of providing the general public with names of enrolled active members of the Alaska Bar Association who are in good standing and are willing and able to accept referral clients at a reasonable fee.

Each caller requesting services is given the names of three lawyers in his/her geographic area who are listed in the category requested. Each lawyer pays a \$4 surcharge to the Bar Association for each referral made, regardless of whether the caller actually contacts the lawyer as a result of the referral. The first half-hour conference may be charged at a maximum of \$125. Thereafter the fee is agreed upon by the attorney and the client.

At the end of 2010, 93 attorneys were enrolled in 34 practice categories in the Lawyer Referral Service. One new practice category was added during the year: Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

Referrals over the year totaled 3,086, a 5 % decrease from the 3,261 referrals in 2009.



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Total Lawyer Referrals 2006 - 2010

	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10
ADR					0
Administrative	194	219	246	197	148
Admiralty	18	12	11	14	22
Adoption	16	35	22	17	13
Alaska Native Law	—	—	0	15	20
Arts	2	3	7	1	0
Bankruptcy	52	79	93	127	97
Commercial	112	149	123	107	77
Construction	29	63	28	25	20
Consumer	315	275	275	266	203
Criminal: Felony	92	166	95	81	114
Criminal: Misdemeanor	114	170	133	107	94
Discrimination	—	—	—	—	0
Divorce/Dissolution/Custody	784	809	703	574	572
Eminent Domain	4	—	7	1	2
Environmental	6	—	0	0	0
Foreign Language	—	2	3	0	2
Guardian/Conservator	64	11	39	30	30
Immigration	28	52	33	35	40
Insurance	51	61	38	41	34
Labor Relations	355	392	340	367	386
Landlord/Tenant	63	30	150	159	161
Malpractice	197	244	172	185	198
Military	—	—	0	8	15
Mining	—	—	0	1	0
Negligence	380	556	343	373	308
Patent/Copyright/IP	5	41	26	26	26
Public Interest	3	1	1	0	0
Real Estate	175	257	171	187	151
Social Security Disability	22	48	10	11	72
Tax	—	—	0	11	19
Traffic	49	8	5	14	30
Trusts/Wills/Estates	144	222	175	138	118
Workers' Compensation	192	229	166	143	114
	3,468	4,134	3,415	3,261	3,086
Change from previous year	-37%	+16%	-17%	-5%	-5%

• Pro Bono Services

The Bar's Pro Bono Program was initiated in 2004 to educate, recognize and recruit attorneys and other professional services to assist nearly 80,000 low-income Alaskans with civil legal needs. The program serves as an information clearinghouse for the membership for volunteer opportunities, resources, training, and other volunteer support services, as well as a point of contact for legal service providers.

The Pro Bono Director coordinates the program in partnership with Alaska's legal service agencies, the Bar's legal community, the Pro Bono Services Committee, and other justice organizations in Alaska.

Selected as an internship site by Seattle University School of Law since 2006, the program is assigned a first-year law student each summer to support pro bono service in Alaska.

In partnership with the Alaska Court System, the Bar launched a public service project in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. in January, 2010. Two free all-day legal clinics were held in Anchorage and Juneau that served more than 150 Alaskans with civil legal needs. The 110 volunteers from the legal community provided more than 426 donated hours totaling \$26,260 worth of donated legal services.

• 2010 LRE Grants

To promote public understanding of the law and its role in society, the Bar also supports selected community projects through its Law Related Education Committee.

In 2010, the Board of Governors distributed \$6,850 for grants to four organizations delivering Law Related Education (LRE) programs and materials. These annual grants are targeted to programs that offer practical or direct LRE programs in urban and Bush areas.

2010 LRE Grants

Mock Trial.....	\$3,000
West High School We the People	\$1,850
Color of Justice.....	\$1,200
Mat-Su Youth Court	\$ 800

• Committees of the Alaska Bar

Alaska Bar Association governance is structured around the Board of Governors and its committees and sections, with administrative and day-to-day activity as the responsibility of the Executive Director and staff.

Committees of the Bar include:

- The Bar Rules Committees, which include the Committee of Law Examiners, Area Disciplinary Hearing Committees, the Mediation Panel, the Attorney Fee Dispute Review Committees, and the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Committee.
- The Standing Committees, including Bar Polls and Elections, Continuing Legal Education, Ethics, Bar Historians, Alaska Bar Rag, Law Related Education, Pro Bono Services, Lawyers' Assistance, Fair & Impartial Courts, Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct, Practice of Law, and Diversity.
- The Substantive Law Sections, comprised of 27 peer groups practicing in specific areas of the law.

Members and chairs of these committees and sections are listed in the appendices.

Membership Services

In addition to services associated with CLE and other activity areas, the Bar Association provides other programs that assist members of the Bar in their practices. Complete information about these as well as other Bar programs and services can be found on the Bar's website at www.alaskabar.org.

Programs include:

- **ALPS (Attorney Liability Protection Society).** The Alaska Bar Association is a member of a multi-state, lawyer-owned insurance company. Membership in ALPS increases the availability of coverage to Alaska lawyers at rates that are predictable and which avoid dramatic fluctuations caused by policies and practices over which the lawyers have no control.
- **Casemaker.** This online legal research tool is available to all Alaska Bar members at no cost to members. It is included in bar dues. The Alaska Unreported Court Opinions Database will now be hosted by Casemaker. Alaska joined nearly 30 other states offering this web-based research library and search engine to their Bar members
- **Alaska Bar CLE Materials.** All Alaska Bar CLE materials one calendar year old or older are available on the Bar website for free downloading. These materials are not searchable or linked.
- **Group Insurance.** The Bar Association sponsors a life insurance program for Bar members with LifeWise Assurance Company. All members of the Association and employees of their firms are eligible. The Bar Association also sponsors a group medical program. Medical, dental, vision, life and

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disability coverage are available to firms ranging in size from sole practitioners to those with more than 100 employees. The plan is underwritten by Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska. The Bar Association also sponsors a disability insurance program offered by Unimerica Insurance Co.

- **The Alaska Bar Rag.** This quarterly periodical is the official publication of the Bar Association, with content provided by the Bar, attorneys, and organizations in the legal and justice communities. Thomas V. Van Flein served as editor.
- **E-News.** This weekly e-mail newsletter is sent to all members for whom the Bar has e-mail addresses, and contains announcements about Bar Association activities, court news, upcoming CLE programs, and other timely items of interest.
- **Unreported Court Opinions Database.** This database, formerly hosted on the Alaska Bar website, is now available through Casemaker.
- **Section News.** This newsletter, containing notices of section meetings and topics, is e-mailed monthly to 92% of substantive law section members. Members without e-mail are mailed a hard copy. Section meeting dates are posted on the website calendar, in E-News, and the full newsletter is posted on the Bar website at www.alaskabar.org.
- **Ethics Opinions.** All Alaska Bar Ethics Opinions are published in the *Alaska Bar Rag* and are available online at the Bar’s website and on Casemaker.
- **Public Copying Machines.** The Alaska Bar Association and the Alaska Court System are continuing a cooperative agreement to provide copying services in the Anchorage Law Library. The Alaska Bar Association has a service agreement

with the Anchorage Bar Association for the purpose of providing copiers in the Anchorage Law Library for the use of all library patrons. The revenue is divided as follows: Alaska Court System 40%; Anchorage Bar Association 50%; Alaska Bar Association 10%.

ADJUNCT INVOLVEMENT

The Alaska Bar Association cooperates, partners and supports with its membership a number of programs related to the Alaska legal and justice system:

- **The Alaska Bar Foundation** was established in 1972 for the purpose of fostering and maintaining the honor and integrity of the profession, improving and facilitating the administration of justice, promoting the study of law and continuing legal education, administering loans and scholarships, and maintaining a law library and research center.
- **IOLTA** is an opt-out Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts program for the placement of client trust money into interest-bearing accounts. The interest earned on each account is paid periodically to the Alaska Bar Foundation for its charitable and public service work.

In 2010, the IOLTA program earned \$24,770 from interest, and awarded grants totaling \$30,000.

2010 IOLTA Grants

Alaska Legal Services	\$16,500
Alaska Pro Bono	\$8,100
Alaska Immigration Justice Project	\$5,400

Foundation grants included: \$16,500 to Alaska Legal Services Corp.; \$8,100 to the Alaska Pro Bono Program; \$5,400 to the Alaska Immigration Justice Project.

- **Alaska Law Review**, edited by law students at Duke University School of Law in Durham, NC, includes articles by practicing attorneys, law professors, and notes and comments by Duke law students. The Bar publishes the law review semi-annually for the education of the legal community. Bar members receive the publication as part of their Bar dues benefits.
- **Alaska Legal Services Corporation** provides legal assistance to persons lacking the financial resources to obtain private counsel.
- **Alaska Code Revision Commission**, established in 1976, reviews and recommends revisions to the laws of Alaska.
- **Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct** includes three attorney members who have practiced law in Alaska for at least 10 years. They are appointed to the commission by the Governor from recommendations submitted by the Board of Governors.
- **Alaska Judicial Council** includes three attorneys who serve staggered, six-year terms. The council's purpose is to recommend candidates who are seeking judicial office and to conduct studies for the improvement of the administration of justice in Alaska.
- **Other Relationships.** The Bar Association maintains relationships with other, non-Alaskan organizations, usually with representation by a member of the Board of Governors or Bar executive staff. These include the American Bar Association, National Conference of Bar Presidents, Ninth

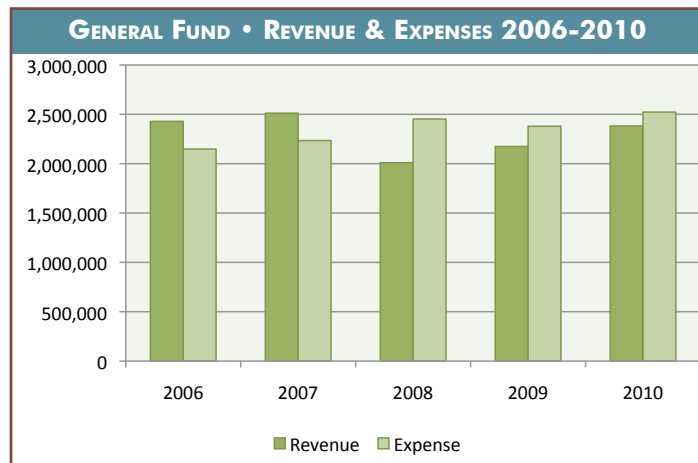
Circuit Judicial Conference, National Association of Bar Executives, Association for Continuing Legal Education, CLEreg (MCLE Regulators), National Organization of Bar Counsel, National Conference of Bar Examiners, and Western States Bar Conference.

Financial Statements & Budget

In 2008, the Board of Governors voted to draw down the Bar's capital reserve for a few years until it got to the point where dues would be set at a level to have a balanced budget.

After three years of reduced dues, and operating at a deficit to draw down the capital reserve, the Board was faced with the need to raise active bar dues to \$620 and cut \$83,000 in expenses to adopt a balanced budget. Inactive dues were set at \$205.

The 2010 statement of activities reflects total general fund revenue of \$2,382,385 with total expenses of \$2,522,615. The "net loss" was \$140,230.



“ **Adjunct Involvement**
The Alaska Bar Association cooperates, partners and supports with its membership a number of programs related to the Alaska legal and justice system. ”

**ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year ended December 31, 2010**

	General Fund	Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection	Court System Library Fund	Total All Funds
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS				
Revenue and other income				
Dues	\$ 1,573,548	\$ 30,422	\$ -	\$ 1,603,970
Admission fees	169,400	-	-	169,400
Continuing legal education	157,277	-	-	157,277
Lawyer referral fees	37,922	-	-	37,922
Annual meeting	149,788	-	-	149,788
Share from copiers	-	-	256	256
Rule 81 fees	135,630	2,790	-	138,420
Other	71,440	-	-	71,440
Earnings on investments	78,204	42,191	10	120,405
Unrealized gain on investments	9,176	11,970	-	21,146
Total unrestricted revenue	2,382,385	87,373	266	2,470,024
Expenses				
Admissions	230,440	-	-	230,440
Board of Governors	47,938	-	-	47,938
Discipline	787,169	-	-	787,169
Fee arbitration	80,555	-	-	80,555
Lawyer referral	55,419	-	-	55,419
Continuing legal education	398,557	-	-	398,557
Administration	457,710	-	-	457,710
Pro Bono	101,240	-	-	101,240
Mandatory CLE	45,774	-	-	45,774
Annual meeting	131,048	-	-	131,048
Claims awarded	-	46,499	-	46,499
Other	186,765	3,344	12	190,121
Total expenses	2,522,615	49,843	12	2,572,470
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	(140,230)	37,530	254	(102,446)
Net assets, beginning of year	1,747,388	1,176,641	26,091	2,950,120
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,607,158</u>	<u>\$ 1,214,171</u>	<u>\$ 26,345</u>	<u>\$ 2,847,674</u>

The Independent Auditor's Report and accompanying financial statements and notes are available for inspection at the Bar Association office.

APPENDIX A

Bar Bylaws and Regulations Added, Modified, or Repealed in 2010

None.

Bar Rules Proposed to the Supreme Court in 2010

February 2010: The Board resubmitted an amendment to Bar Rule 41 adding service by e-mail with electronic confirmation to the list of permissible methods of service.

February 2010: The Board proposed amendments to Bar Rule 44 regarding legal intern permit eligibility, renewal, and permitted acts.

February 2010: The Board proposed an amendment to Bar Rule 26(d) adding a requirement that a member of the Bar self-report any criminal conviction to the Bar.

May 2010: The Board proposed an amendment to Bar Rule 65(g)(11) adding service on discipline and fee arbitration committees to the list of activities qualifying for continuing legal education credit.

September 2010: The Board proposed an amendment to Bar Rule 10(f) providing for the appointment of one or more Board discipline liaisons to the Discipline Section of the Bar.

September 2010: The Board proposed an amendment to Bar Rule 36(a) correcting the reference to the appointing authority for bar counsel supervising the fee arbitration program.

September 2010: The Board proposed an amendment to Bar Rule 40(f)(11) changing the reference from hearings recorded "on tape" to hearings recorded "electronically."

September 2010: The Board proposed an amendment to Bar Rule 39(d)(2) that clarified a petitioner's right to request or maintain fee arbitration.

Bar Rules Adopted by the Supreme Court in 2010

No new Bar Rules or amendments were adopted by the Court in 2010.

APPENDIX B

Bar Sections & Committees

Substantive Sections and Chairs, 2010

At the end of 2010 there were 27 active sections. The Sections, Chairs and Co-Chairs at the end of 2010 follow:

Administrative Law

Kimberly Allen & Steve Weaver

Admiralty Law

Steve Shamburek & Mark Manning

Alaska Native Law

Brennan Cain, Sam Fortier & Melanie Osborne

Alternate Dispute Resolution

Glenn Cravez & Linda O'Bannon

Appellate Law

Alex Bryner, Gregory Fisher, Lloyd Miller & Beth Trimmer

Bankruptcy Law

Gary Spraker

Business Law

Matthew Block & John Kauffman

Corporate Counsel

Marcia Davis

Elder Law

Ilona Besseney & Una Gandbhir

Employment Law

Gregory Fisher & Danielle Ryman

Environmental/Natural Resources Law

Larry Hartig, Tina Sellers & Russ Winner

Estate Planning/Probate Law

BethAnn Chapman, Maribeth Conway & Stephen Greer

Family Law

Dorothea Aguero & SJ Lee

Health Law

Carolyn Heyman-Layne & Barbra Nault

Immigration Law

Kathy Atkinson

Intellectual Property Law

Jon Dawson & Elizabeth Hodes

International Law

Andy Haas, Nevhiz Calik & Julie Webb

Law & Community Health Forum

Liz Leduc & Courtney Lewis

Municipal Law

Rene Broker, John Hartle & Rhonda Fehlen Westover

New Lawyers

Elizabeth Apostola

Public Contracts

S. Lane Tucker

Real Estate Law

Joan Travostino

Social Security Disability Advocacy

(New in 2010)

Paul Eaglin & Paula Jacobson

Tax Law

Charles Schuetze & Christy Lee

Unbundled Law (New in 2010)

To be elected in 2011

Torts/Personal Injury Law

Rebecca Hozubin

Workers' Comp

Joe Kalamarides

Bar Committee Chairs

Alaska Bar Rag

Tom Van Flein

Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct

Jerome Juday

Bar Polls & Elections

Tim Middleton

Continuing Legal Education

James DeWitt

Diversity

Vacant

Ethics

Nelson Page

Fair & Impartial Courts

Susie Dosik

Historians

Marilyn May

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Tim Middleton

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Barbara Jones

Lawyers Assistance

Vacant

Lawyers Fund for Client Protection

Robert Stone

Practice of Law

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