

Alaska Bar Association

2012 Annual Report



ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION

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"Coastal Birch, Summer Light" 2011

Oil on Canvas 42" x 72"

A bright midsummer light dapples through a stand of birch trees along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail in Anchorage as cumulus clouds hang over Cook Inlet. A perfect day. www.gordonpaintings.com

Introduction & Overview

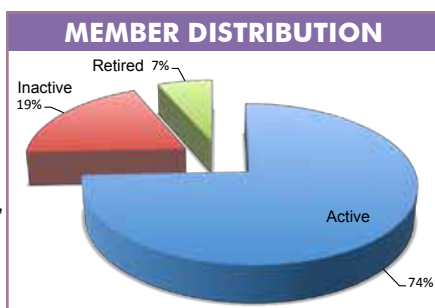
In 2012, the Alaska Bar Association had 4,168 members in the following categories: 3,097 Active (2,488 In-state and 609 Outside), 801 Inactive and 270 Retired. Its affairs are governed by a 12-member Board of nine attorneys and three non-attorney citizens. A (non-voting) New Lawyer Liaison also advises 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 10 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 in 1968, to 21 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 2012 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

2008 - 2012 Bar Exam Results			
Date	Applicants	Passed	Pass Rate
July 2012	102	70	69%
	76 1st timers	59	78%
Feb. 2012	56	36	64%
	34 1st timers	27	79%
July 2011	60	32	53%
	50 1st timers	31	62%
Feb. 2011	58	38	66%
	39 1st timers	32	82%
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%

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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 49 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 2012, 158 individuals took the Bar Exam and 106 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 2012, 44 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 \$785,554 during 2012 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.

2012 GRIEVANCES

The Discipline Section processed 225 grievances in 2012, compared to 283 in 2011, representing a 26% decrease. Summary statistical data related to discipline status are contained in the charts.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC DISCIPLINE ACTIONS IN 2012

- The Alaska Supreme Court disbarred Warren G. Kellicut effective December 26, 2012.
- The Court publicly censured Philip M. Kleinsmith effective October 1, 2012, based on discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of Arizona.
- The Court interimly suspended Theresa Lynn Williams effective April 27, 2012, pending future disciplinary proceedings.

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



Discipline Case Statistics¹

2008-2012

	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12
Open cases pending as of Jan. 1	86	112	98	62*	60
New cases opened in 2011(+)	65	39	29	30	29
TOTAL open and new cases	151	151	127	92	89

Cases closed in 2008-2012

Closed after disbarment by Supreme Court	3	7	24	0	1
Closed after suspension by Supreme Court	7	21	10	9	0
Closed after probation ended	0	0	0	0	0
Closed after public censure by Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	1
Closed after reprimand publicly imposed by Disciplinary Board	0	0	0	0	0
Closed after reprimand privately imposed by Disciplinary Board	6	0	1**	0	0
Closed after written private admonition by Bar Counsel	1	3	4	2	1
Dismissed by Bar Counsel	22	22	24	27	19
Closed after mediation	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL closed cases (-)	39	53	63	38	22
Open cases pending as of Dec. 31, 2010	112	98	63*	54	67

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, 2012

	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12
Pending First Response from Respondent Attorney	9	11	1	1	1
Pending Complainant's Reply	0	2	0	0	1
Pending Second Response from Respondent Attorney	0	2	0	2	1
Pending Bar Counsel Investigation/Decision	45	28	34	23	28
Abeyance Pending Outcome of Related Court Case	9	8	17	18	21
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	7	6	2	2	0
Pending Stipulation for Discipline between Bar Counsel and Respondent Attorney	0	1	1	0	3
Pending Stipulation Consideration by Disciplinary Board	0	0	0	1	2
Pending Stipulation Consideration by Supreme Court	6	0	0	0	0
Pending before Area Hearing Committee	29*	9	1	6	7
Pending before Disciplinary Board	0	3	2	0	2
Pending before Supreme Court	6	27	4	0	0
Respondent Attorney on Probation	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL open cases	112	98	63	54	67

*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.

SUMMARY OF REINSTATEMENT ACTIONS IN 2012

The Alaska Supreme Court reinstated Keenan R. Powell effective March 23, 2012.

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SUMMARY OF DISABILITY ACTIONS IN 2012

The Alaska Supreme Court ordered Jeffrey A. Gould reinstated from disability inactive status in an order dated February 16, 2012. His reinstatement became effective February 22, 2012, with the payment of his 2012 bar dues.

• The Attorney Fee Dispute Resolution Committee

The Bar Association, under the Alaska Bar Rules, maintains an Attorney Fee Dispute Resolution 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 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.

2008 - 2012 Fee Dispute Resolution Statistics

	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12
Arbitrations pending January 1	34	33	25	22	27
Arbitrations opened during year (+)	70	62	46	55	41
Arbitrations closed during year (-)	71	70	49	50	51
Arbitrations pending Dec. 31 year-end	33	25	22	27	17

• 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 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 2012, there were no claims pending before the LFCP Committee. The Committee and the Board took action on three (3) claims during the year.

There were no trustee counsel fees and expenses reimbursed in 2012.

2012 LFCP Actions

Case Number	Reimbursement(s)* Paid by Board	Reimbursement(s) Rejected by Board	Reimbursement(s) Rejected by LFCP Committee
2011L004	\$985		
2012L001		\$100,000	
2012L002		\$385,007	
TOTAL	\$985	\$485,007	

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

• 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 advisory 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.

CLE PROGRAMS

In 2012 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.

Since 2005, 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 iPad or smartphone 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 Adobe Connect Pro via Copper Conferencing. This 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, and also provides streaming to a personal iPad or smartphone. Webinars provide one-hour programs within a topical series and are also available for archived self-study.

• 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).

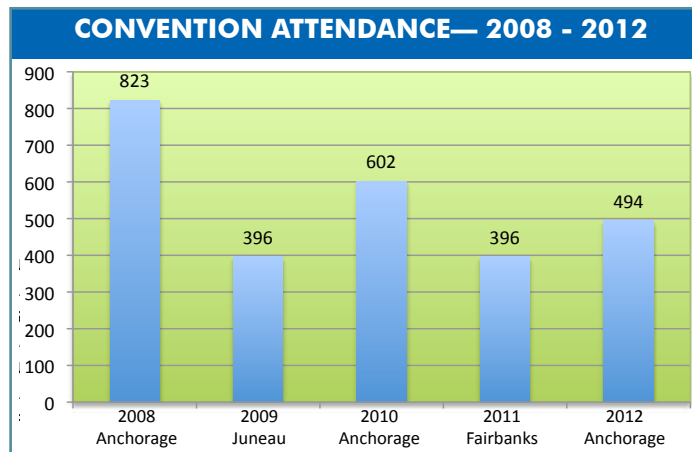
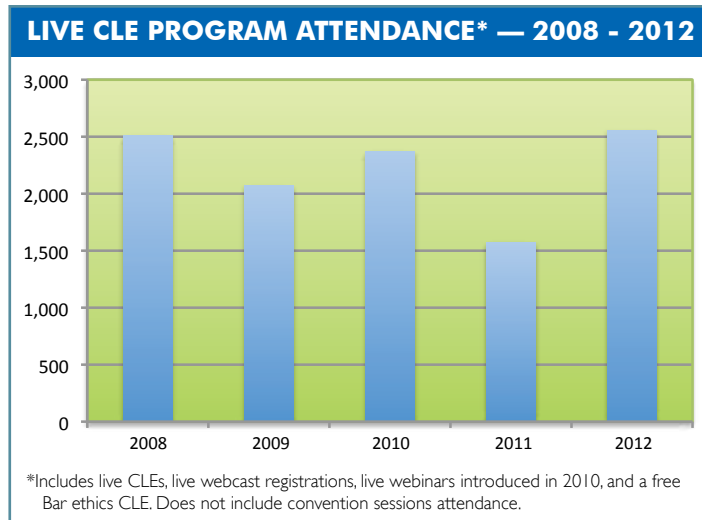
CLE Attendance: A closer look

- CLE programs were delivered in a variety of formats for the year, with the greatest attendance at live programs.

Format	Attendance
Live programs	2,064
Live webcasts	385
Live webinars	109
Online archive downloads	852
DVD orders	135

(Includes all CLE programs, plus the ethics program offered by the Bar at no charge.)

- In addition, 494 individuals attended one or more CLE events at the annual convention.



MCLE Compliance

A total of 2,931 active members of the Bar reported compliance with the MCLE Rule for calendar year 2012.

Legal education hours reported by attorneys in 2012 were as follows:*

CLE Credits	# of Attorneys
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Required 3 hours of ethics CLE only	482
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Voluntary additional hours	
1	54
2	46
3	132
4	65
5	40
6	112
7	36
8	12
9 or more	1952

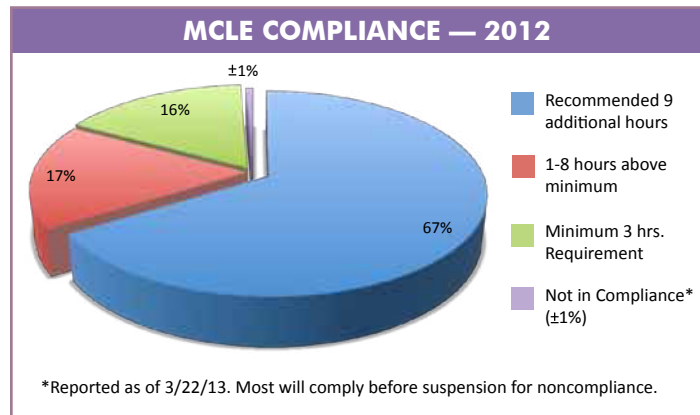
Not in compliance	20
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*Reported as of March 22, 2013

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 additional voluntary 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 52 live CLE programs offered in 2012, 13 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.

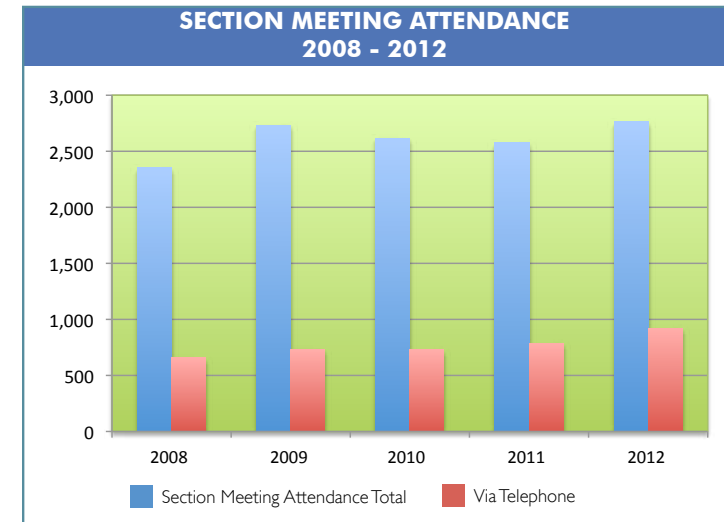


• Section Activities

In 2012 there were 27 active substantive law sections, with a total individual membership of 2,590 for all sections. The total, including members with multiple sections, was 3,252. Section meeting attendance totaled 2,765 for the year. Of this total, attendance via telephone/teleconference was 920. Working with the CLE Director, the Bar's sections are responsible for sponsoring a minimum of one CLE Seminar every two years.

For 10 years, the Alaska Bar has collaborated with the Seattle University School of Law's summer law school programs. Students at the University of Alaska Anchorage who participate in the Seattle program meet with two of the Bar's substantive law sections: For 2012 they were Alaska Native Law and Corporate Counsel Law. Section members discuss case law with the students and answer their questions on the practice of law.

See Appendix B for the list of 2012 sections and chairs.



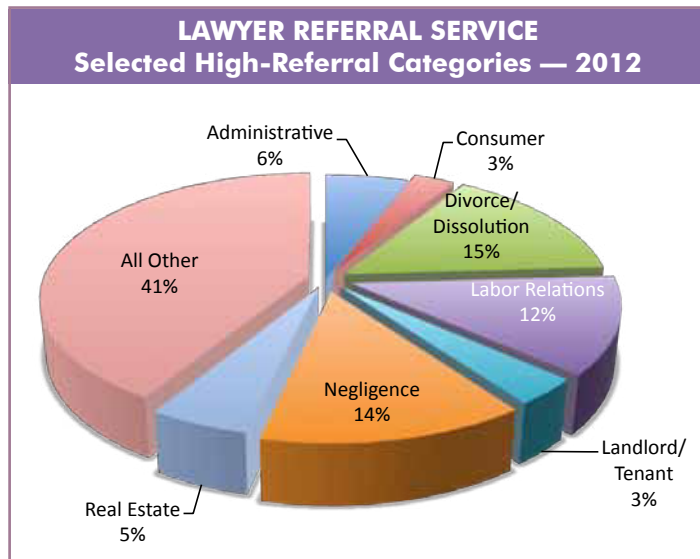
• Lawyer Referral Service

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 2012, 77 attorneys were enrolled in 34 practice categories in the Lawyer Referral Service.

Referrals over the year totaled 3,226 a 5% decrease from the 3,414 referrals in 2011.



• 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.

In partnership with the Alaska Court System, the Bar launched a public service project in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. in January, 2010. The clinic has since grown from two to four communities, with 560 volunteers serving nearly 1,300 clients. Volunteers have donated 2,700 hours time totaling more than \$188,000 worth of legal services.

The 2012 MLK Day event was held in Anchorage, Juneau, Fairbanks, and Sitka. It served 372 clients with 150 volunteers, totaling \$55,625 in donated legal services.

In 2011, the Bar launched a second public service project—the 1st Annual Elizabeth Peratrovich Legal Clinic—in partnership with Alaska Legal Services Corporation, the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN), and the Alaska Native Justice Center. The 2nd Annual Elizabeth Peratrovich Legal Clinic was held during the annual AFN convention; it served 75 clients from 20 Alaska communities by the use of 48 volunteers who provided \$22,500 in donated legal services.

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“ In 2012, the Board of Governors distributed grants to six organizations delivering Law Related Education (LRE). ”

Total Lawyer Referrals 2008 - 2012

	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12
ADR			0	0	0
Administrative	246	197	148	199	190
Admiralty	11	14	22	13	17
Adoption	22	17	13	29	31
Alaska Native Law	0	15	20	15	31
Arts	7	1	0	1	6
Bankruptcy	93	127	97	93	87
Commercial	123	107	77	116	107
Construction	28	25	20	34	28
Consumer	275	266	203	232	95
Criminal: Felony	95	81	114	106	99
Criminal: Misdemeanor	133	107	94	106	121
Discrimination	—	—	0	2	0
Divorce/Dissolution/Custody	703	574	572	522	492
Eminent Domain	7	1	2	0	4
Environmental	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign Language	3	0	2	0	3
Guardian/Conservator	39	30	30	56	47
Immigration	33	35	40	22	29
Insurance	38	41	34	36	43
Labor Relations	340	367	386	418	403
Landlord/Tenant	150	159	161	207	111
Malpractice	172	185	198	191	242
Military	0	8	15	16	9
Mining	0	1	0	0	0
Negligence	343	373	308	448	438
Patent/Copyright/IP	26	26	26	0	0
Public Interest	1	0	0	0	0
Real Estate	171	187	151	174	165
Social Security Disability	10	11	72	83	116
Tax	0	11	19	29	28
Traffic	5	14	30	22	20
Trusts/Wills/Estates	175	138	118	120	143
Workers' Compensation	166	143	114	124	121
	3,415	3,261	3,086	3,414	3,226
Change from previous year	-17%	-5%	-5%	+10%	-5%

• 2012 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 2012, the Board of Governors authorized up to \$5,000 for grants to 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.

2012 LRE Grants

Color of Justice.....	\$1,000
Mat-Su Youth Court.....	\$500
ASD We The People Middle School.....	\$600
ALSC.....	\$800
Center for Civic Educ. Project Citizen.....	\$590
Mock Trial, YLS, Anchorage Bar.....	\$1,500

• 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.

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- 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, Continuing Legal Education, Ethics, Bar Historians, Alaska Bar Rag, Law Related Education, Pro Bono Services, Lawyers' Assistance, Fair & Impartial Courts, and Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct,.
- 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. Alaska is among 26 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 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 Company and a Long Term Care program offered by Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska.
- **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. Gregory Fisher served as editor.

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- **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.
- **Section News.** This newsletter, containing notices of section meetings and topics, is e-mailed monthly to 90% 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.
- **Mentor Program.** The mentor program offers an opportunity for new lawyers to work with an experienced lawyer who will provide professional guidance and share practical knowledge and skills at the beginning of their career. In its second pilot project year, the Bar works with local bar associations to match mentor and new lawyers in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and the Kenai Peninsula. There have been 23 successful matches: 17 in Anchorage/Palmer; 3 in Juneau/Douglas, 2 in Fairbanks/North Pole, and 1 in Kenai.

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 2012, the IOLTA program earned \$12,000 from interest, and awarded grants totaling \$22,000.

2012 IOLTA Grants

Alaska Legal Services	\$15,000
Alaska Immigration Justice Project	\$5,000
Alaska Innocence Project	\$2,000

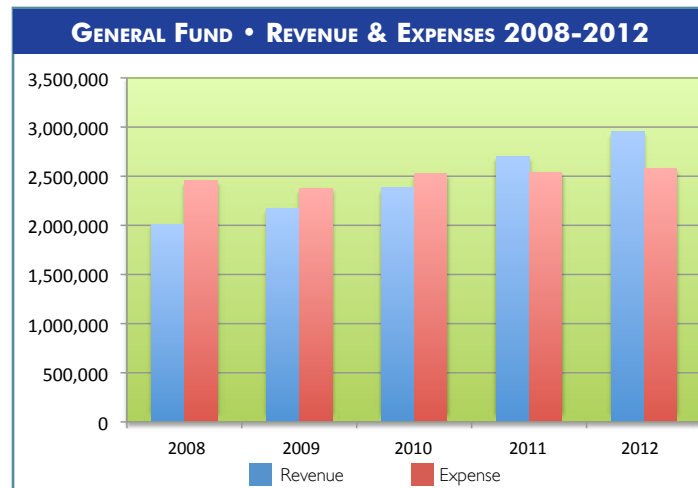
- **Alaska Law Review**, edited by law students at Duke University School of Law in Durham, NC, includes articles by practicing attorneys, law professors, and notes and comments by Duke law students. The Bar publishes the law review semi-annually for the education of the legal community. Bar members 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

Prior to 2008 the Board set the dues amount to offset future year deficits and defer an increase in bar dues. In 2010 the Board adopted a balanced budget concept that would set the dues to balance the budget each year.

The 2012 statement of activities reflects total general fund revenue of \$2,952,631 with total expenses of \$2,576,951. The "net gain" was \$375,680.



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**ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year ended December 31, 2012**

	General Fund	Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection	Court System Library Fund	Total All Funds
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS				
Revenue and other income				
Dues	\$ 2,109,842	\$ 30,465	\$ -	\$ 2,140,307
Admission fees	182,625	-	-	182,625
Continuing legal education	180,159	-	-	180,159
Lawyer referral fees	33,507	-	-	33,507
Annual meeting	175,655	-	-	175,655
Rule 81 fees	134,680	-	-	134,680
Other	72,152	3,600	-	75,752
Earnings on investments	53,552	37,667	5	91,224
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	10,459	(3,369)	-	7,090
Total unrestricted revenue	2,952,631	68,363	5	3,020,999
Expenses				
Admissions	220,867	-	-	220,867
Board of Governors	42,681	-	-	42,681
Discipline	785,554	-	-	785,554
Fee arbitration	111,052	-	-	111,052
Lawyer referral	54,917	-	-	54,917
Continuing legal education	371,963	-	-	371,963
Administration	477,433	-	-	477,433
Pro Bono	101,374	-	-	101,374
Mandatory CLE	41,499	-	-	41,499
Annual meeting	118,730	-	-	118,730
Claims awarded	-	985	-	985
Other	250,881	300	1,870	253,051
Total expenses	2,576,951	1,285	1,870	2,580,106
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	375,680	67,078	(1,865)	440,893
Net assets, beginning of year	1,765,356	1,267,751	26,338	3,059,445
Net assets, end of year	\$ 2,141,036	\$ 1,334,829	\$ 24,473	\$ 3,500,338

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 2012

No Bylaws or regulations were added, modified, or repealed in 2012.

Bar Rules Proposed to the Supreme Court in 2012

May 2012: The Board proposed an amendment to Bar Rule 4, Section 5 clarifying that access to Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) and Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) materials is subject to National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) policy.

Bar Rules Adopted by the Supreme Court in 2012

No Bar Rules were adopted or amended by the Supreme Court in 2012.

Bar Rules Rejected by the Supreme Court in 2012

No Bar Rules were rejected by the Supreme Court in 2012.

APPENDIX B

Bar Sections & Committees

Substantive Sections and Chairs, 2012

At the end of 2012 there were 27 active sections.
The Sections, Chairs and Co-Chairs at the end of 2012 follow:

Administrative Law

Stuart Goering & Becky Kruse

Admiralty Law

Steve Shamburek & Mark Manning

Alaska Native Law

Bruce Anders, Brennan Cain, Walter Featherly & Melanie Osborne

Alternate Dispute Resolution

Glenn Cravez

Appellate Law

Jeff Feldman, Gregory Fisher & Lloyd Miller

Bankruptcy Law

Michelle Boutin

Business Law

Matthew Block & John Kauffman

Corporate Counsel

Marcia Davis

Elder Law

Ilona Besseney & Una Gandhir

Employment Law

Gregory Fisher & Danielle Ryman

Environmental/Natural Resources Law

Jaimie Linxwiler, Steve Ross & Tina Sellers

Estate Planning/Probate Law

Maribeth Conway & Tonja Woelber

Family Law

Whitney Bostick, Kara Nyquist & Alicia Porter

Health Law

Carolyn Heyman-Layne & Barbra Nault

Immigration Law

Kathy Atkinson

Intellectual Property Law

Jon Dawson

International Law

Rich Curtner, Andy Haas & Julie Webb

Law & Community Health Forum

Liz Leduc, Mara Rabinowitz & Colleen Ray

Municipal Law

Todd Sherwood & Dennis Wheeler

New Lawyers

Elizabeth Apostola & Loren Hildebrandt

Public Contracts

S. Lane Tucker

Real Estate Law

Joan Travostino

Social Security Disability Advocacy

Paula Jacobson

Tax Law

Christy Lee & Charles Schuetze

Unbundled Law

Katherine Alteneder & Kara Nyquist

Torts/Personal Injury Law

Rebecca Hozubin

Workers' Comp

Joe Kalamarides

Bar Committee Chairs

Alaska Bar Rag

Gregory S. Fisher

Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct

Jerome Juday

Continuing Legal Education

Zach Manzella

Ethics

Kevin Cuddy

Fair & Impartial Courts

Elaine Andrews

Historians

Marilyn May

Law Examiners

Tim Middleton

Law Related Education

Barbara Jones

Lawyers Assistance

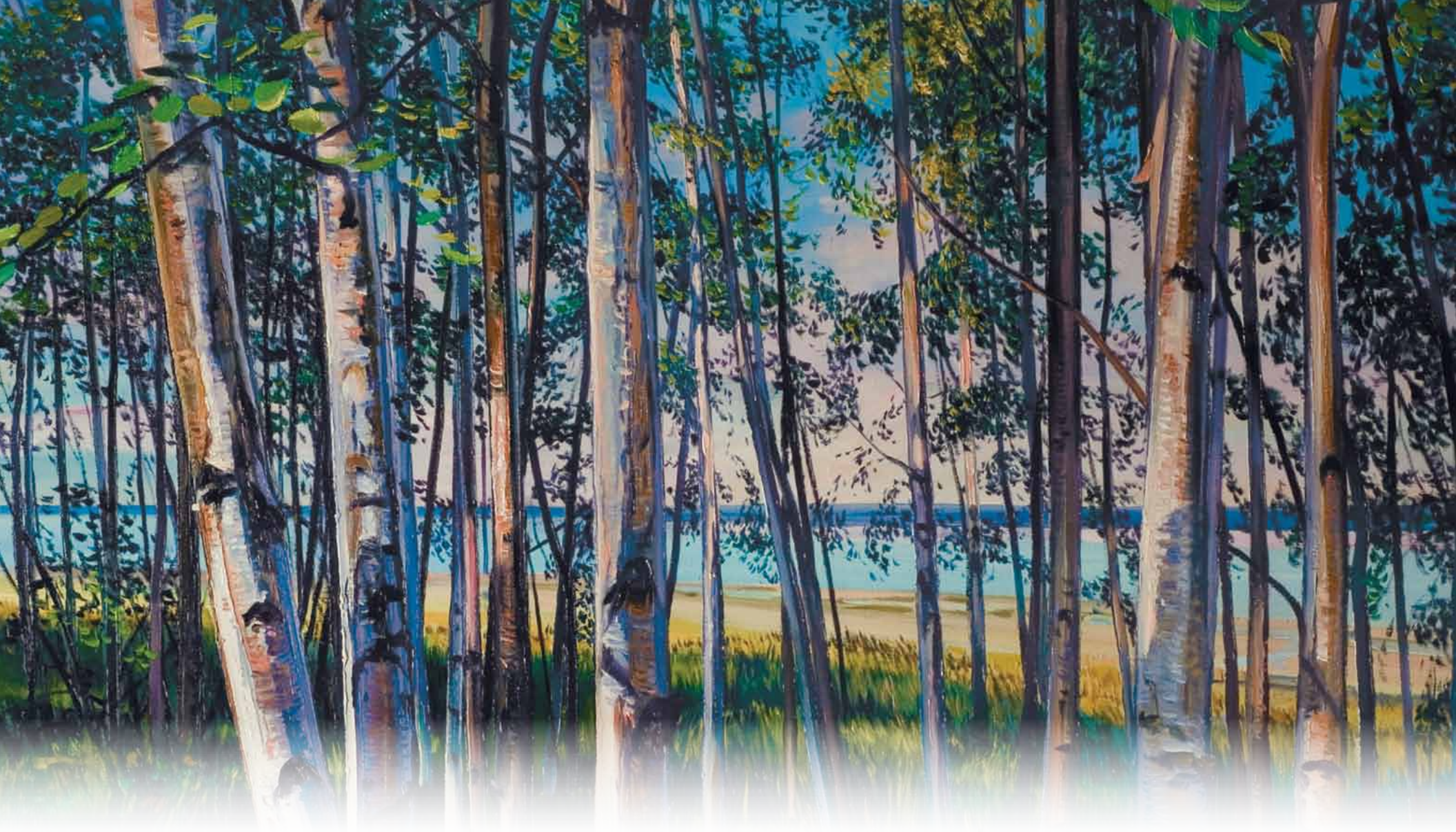
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