

An impressionistic painting of a landscape. In the foreground, a waterfall flows over dark, textured rocks. The water is depicted with white and light blue brushstrokes. Behind the waterfall, a dense forest of trees is visible, with some trees showing vibrant red and orange autumn foliage. The background is filled with dark green and blue tones, suggesting a deep forest or a misty atmosphere. The overall style is expressive and painterly, with visible brushwork and a rich color palette.

Alaska Bar Association

2013
Annual Report

ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION

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"Ice Falls, Glacier Highway," 2012

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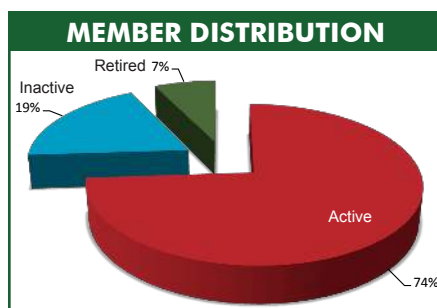
Introduction & Overview

In 2013, the Alaska Bar Association had 4,217 members in the following categories: 3,118 Active (2,494 In-state and 624 Outside), 795 Inactive and 304 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.

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.

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 Alaska Bar Association's operation is structured around the Board of Governors and its committees and sections, with administrative and day-to-day activity delegated to an Executive Director and staff. 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 Alaska Bar has grown from a part-time, volunteer executive secretary in 1968 to 21 employees.



The association is funded by its membership's annual dues, continuing legal education program registration fees, admissions fees, the annual convention, the Lawyer Referral Service, and investment income. The association received no public monies in the 2013 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 the Bar's Alaska Law Examiners Committee ; 2) two half-days of objective, multiple

2009 - 2013 Bar Exam Results			
Date	Applicants	Passed	Pass Rate
July 2013	90	61	68%
	67 1st timers	54	81%
Feb. 2013	65	42	65%
	42 1st timers	33	79%
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%

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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)

choice 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 a 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 2013, 155 individuals took the Bar Exam and 103 passed the exam.

UNIFORM BAR EXAM

The Alaska Supreme Court adopted the Unified Bar Exam (UBE) at year-end. The UBE is developed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) and consists of the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) and the Multistate Performance Test (MPT).

The passing score is set at 280. The Alaska Bar will accept UBE score transfers from other jurisdictions for five years, beginning Jan. 1, 2014. The first UBE exam administration will be for the July, 2014 bar exam.

Alaska will continue to conduct its own character investigations, and applicants must meet the other admissions requirements as stated in Alaska Bar Rule 5.

ADMISSION WITHOUT EXAMINATION

Bar Rule 2, Section 2 establishes the process of admission without examination. 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 2013, 27 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.

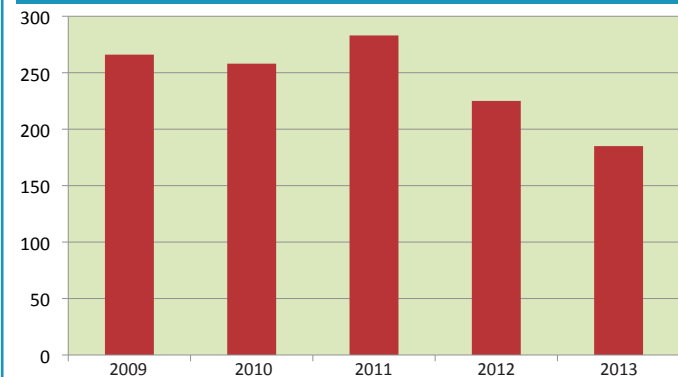
Expenditures for the Discipline Section totaled \$871,926 during 2013 or 33% of the Bar Association’s budget. This represents a substantial allocation of the Bar’s resources for the protection of clients, the public, and the legal system in Alaska.

2013 Grievances

The number of grievance matters processed decreased 18%

New Cases Opened	21
Grievances Not Accepted for Investigation	164
2012 Grievance Volume Total	185

GRIEVANCE VOLUME 2009 - 2013



2013 GRIEVANCES

The Discipline Section processed 185 grievances in 2013, compared to 225 in 2012, representing an 18% decrease. Summary statistical data related to discipline status are contained in the charts.

Status of Open Cases as of December 31, 2013

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13
Pending First Response from Respondent Attorney	11	1	1	1	1
Pending Complainant's Reply	2	0	0	1	0
Pending Second Response from Respondent Attorney	2	0	2	1	0
Pending Bar Counsel Investigation/Decision	28	34	23	28	22
Abeyance Pending Outcome of Related Court Case	8	17	18	21	19
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	6	2	2	0	0
Pending Stipulation for Discipline between Bar Counsel and Respondent Attorney	1	1	0	3	0
Pending Stipulation Consideration by Disciplinary Board	0	0	1	2	0
Pending Stipulation Consideration by Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	3
Pending before Area Hearing Committee	9	1	6	7	6
Pending before Disciplinary Board	3	2	0	2	1
Pending before Supreme Court	27	4	0	0	3
Respondent Attorney on Probation	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL open cases	98	63	54	67	56*

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

Discipline Case Statistics¹

2009-2013

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13
Open cases pending as of Jan. 1	112	98	62*	60	67
New cases opened in 2011(+)	39	29	30	29	21
TOTAL open and new cases	151	127	92	89	88

Cases closed in 2009-2013

Closed after disbarment by Supreme Court	7	24	0	1	1
Closed after suspension by Supreme Court	21	10	9	0	5
Closed after probation ended	0	0	0	0	0
Closed after public censure by Supreme Court	0	0	0	1	3
Closed after reprimand publicly imposed by Disciplinary Board	0	0	0	0	0
Closed after reprimand privately imposed by Disciplinary Board	0	1**	0	0	7
Closed after written private admonition by Bar Counsel	3	4	2	1	0
Dismissed by Bar Counsel	22	24	27	19	16
Closed after mediation	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL closed cases (-)	53	63	38	22	32
Open cases pending as of Dec. 31, 2013	98	63*	54	67	56

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.

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SUMMARY OF PUBLIC DISCIPLINE ACTIONS IN 2013

- The Alaska Supreme Court disbarred Anthony L. Strong effective July 12, 2013.
- The Court suspended Bruce F. Stanford retroactively effective November 16, 2011 (but note reinstatement date below); Patrick J. Gullufson effective July 17, 2013; and, Henry E. Graper III effective August 23, 2013.
- The Court publicly censured Campbell Jackson effective June 3, 2013 and Kevin G. Brady effective July 18, 2013

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

SUMMARY OF REINSTATEMENT ACTIONS IN 2013

The Alaska Supreme Court reinstated Bruce F. Stanford effective July 3, 2013 and placed him on probation with conditions and Jon E. Wiederholt effective March 1, 2013 with conditions.

SUMMARY OF DISABILITY ACTIONS IN 2013

The Alaska Supreme Court transferred Hugh W. Fleischer to disability inactive status on January 4, 2013. The Court issued an order on July 26, 2013 reinstating Vincent P. Vitale from disability inactive status. The order became effective August 6, 2013 when Mr. Vitale paid his 2013 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 attorney panel member hears the matter.

2009 - 2013 Fee Dispute Resolution Statistics

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13
Arbitrations pending January 1	33	25	22	27	17
Arbitrations opened during year (+)	62	46	55	41	44
Arbitrations closed during year (-)	70	49	50	51	42
Arbitrations pending Dec. 31 year-end	25	22	27	17	19

• 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.

2013 LFCA Actions

Case Number	Reimbursement(s)* Paid by Board	Reimbursement(s) Rejected by Board	Reimbursement(s) Rejected by LFCA Committee
2013L001	\$1,100		
2013L002	\$11,899		
2013L006	\$25,025		
TOTAL	\$38,024		

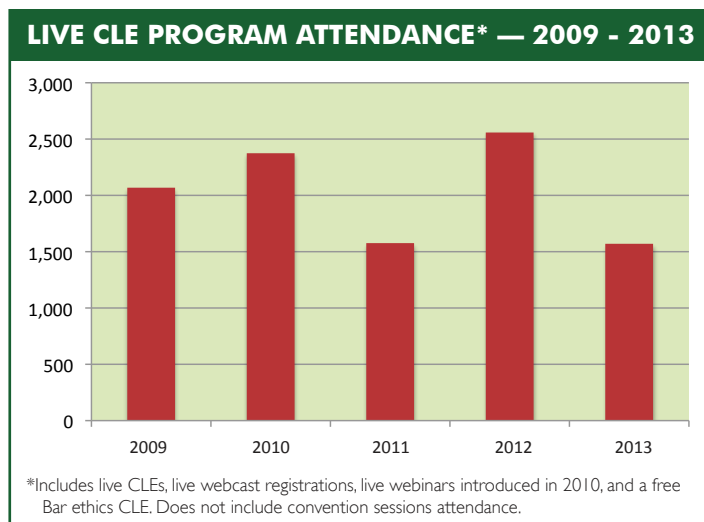
*These figures reflect reimbursements from the Fund which may be less than the amount requested by the claimant.

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 2013, there were no claims pending before the LFCP Committee. The Committee and the Board took action on three (3) claims during the year. Trustee counsel fees and expenses reimbursed in 2013 totaled \$43,075.96.

• Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

The Alaska Bar Association provides continuing legal education through its CLE department, which is responsible for administering all programs and activities (including the library). A 15-member advisory committee consists of Bar members from each judicial district, two new lawyer representatives, and one judicial representative selected by the Alaska Court System.

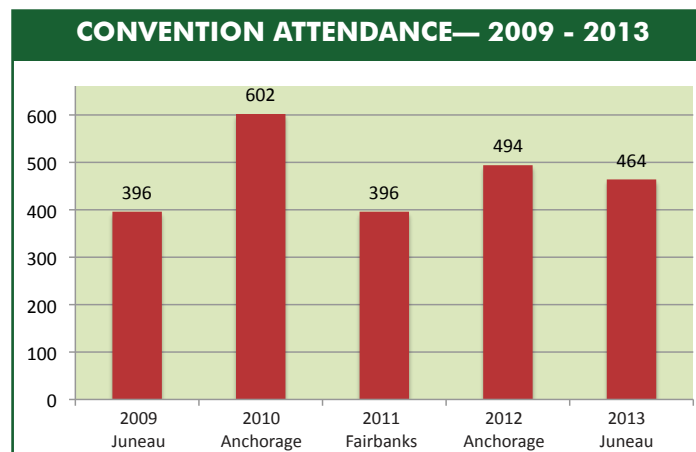


CLE PROGRAMS

In 2013, 52 live CLE programs were presented in various formats that included live audience and live webinars via computer. To provide CLE opportunities for attorneys practicing outside of Anchorage, the Bar webcasted the bulk of live audience programs. The CLE materials, along with a DVD, are also 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 tablet or smartphone device 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



CLE Attendance: A closer look

- CLE programs were delivered in a variety of formats for the year, with the greatest attendance at the 24 sessions that were attended in person.

Format	Attendance
Live sessions	1,203
Live webcasts	245
Live webinars	122
Online archive downloads	1,006
DVD orders	135
(Includes all CLE programs, plus the ethics program offered by the Bar at no charge.)	

- In addition, 464 individuals attended one or more CLE events at the annual convention in Juneau.

MCLE Compliance

A total of 2,912 active members of the Bar reported compliance with the MCLE Rule for calendar year 2013.

Legal education hours reported by attorneys in 2013 were as follows:*

CLE Credits	# of Attorneys
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Required 3 hours of ethics CLE only	519
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Voluntary additional hours	
1	47
2	39
3	136
4	45
5	57
6	103
7	41
8	27
9 or more	1898

Not in compliance	50
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*Reported as of March 11, 2014

programming, and also provides streaming to a personal tablet or smartphone. Webinars provide one-hour programs within a topical series and are also available for archived self-study.

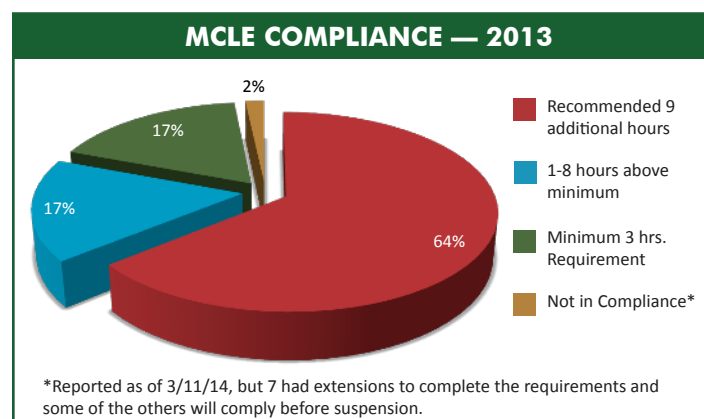
• Mandatory CLE

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).

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



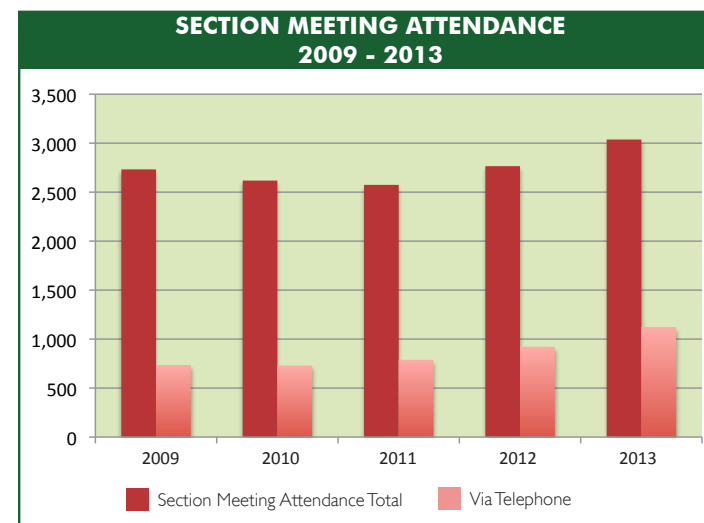
library, attendance at section meetings that offer substantive educational presentations, attendance at Bar convention programs, teaching CLE programs, attendance at accredited CLE programs in other jurisdictions, and participation in certain Alaska Bar Association and Alaska Supreme Court committees.

Of the 52 live CLE programs offered in 2013, 9 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 Participation

In 2013 there were 28 active substantive law sections, with a total individual membership of 2,689 for all sections. The total, including members with multiple sections (and non-Bar members), was 3,459.

Section meeting attendance totaled 3,037 for the year. Of this total, attendance via telephone/teleconference was 1,123.



The substantive law sections are responsible for working with the CLE director to develop and co-sponsor programs with a minimum of one CLE seminar every two years.

For 12 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 participated in the Seattle program met with three Bar section members with diverse practices. They discussed case law with the students and answered their questions on the practice of law.

• Committees of the Bar

The operation of the Alaska Bar Association is structured around the Board of Governors and its committees and sections. There are presently 9 standing committees and 5 bar rules committees.

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, 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 chairs of committees and sections are listed in the appendices.

• 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 program works 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 and Alaska Legal Services Corporation, the Bar launched a public service project in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. in January 2010. The legal clinic was held in Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau in 2013. The 450 hours donated by 140 volunteers served 310 clients with the equivalent of \$42,200 in legal services.

The Bar launched a second public service project in 2011—the Elizabeth Peratrovich Legal Clinic—in partnership with Alaska Legal Services Corporation, the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN), and the Alaska Native Justice Center. The 3rd Annual Elizabeth Peratrovich Legal Clinic was held in Fairbanks during the 2013 annual AFN convention; 15 attorney volunteers served 20 clients from six Alaska communities.

In addition, the Bar's Pro Bono Services Committee developed and launched a series of documentary short videos focused on the need for equal access to justice in Alaska. The first video, introduced by Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Dana Fabe, debuted at the 2013 annual convention.

• Law Related Education

In 2013, the Law Related Education Committee completed the *"Alaska Youth Law Guide: A Handbook for Teens and Young Adults."* Published online on the Alaska Bar's website, the guide is comprised of nearly 150 brief articles—written and edited

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by more than 50 attorney volunteers. Its goal is to help young Alaskans understand the law and how it might affect them. It is also intended to be a resource for teachers, parents, caregivers, and professionals who interact with youth.

The Board of Governors authorized \$5,000 in Law Related education grants to five projects in 2013:

Color of Justice (ACS)	\$1,000
Center for Civic Education, We the People Project Citizen.....	\$1,000
Mat-Su Youth Court	\$500
Mock Trial, YLS, Anchorage Bar.....	\$1,500
SERRC, Alaska's Educational Resource Center, AK Close-up.....	\$1,000

• 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 2013, 75 attorneys were enrolled in 34 practice categories in the Lawyer Referral Service. Referrals over the year totaled 3,856 a 19% increase from the 3,226 referrals in 2012.

Total Lawyer Referrals 2009 - 2013

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13
ADR		0	0	0	1
Administrative	197	148	199	190	204
Admiralty	14	22	13	17	13
Adoption	17	13	29	31	23
Alaska Native Law	15	20	15	31	26
Arts	1	0	1	6	5
Bankruptcy	127	97	93	87	89
Commercial	107	77	116	107	117
Construction	25	20	34	28	24
Consumer	266	203	232	95	183
Criminal: Felony	81	114	106	99	136
Criminal: Misdemeanor	107	94	106	121	110
Discrimination	—	0	2	0	1
Divorce/Dissolution/Custody	574	572	522	492	578
Eminent Domain	1	2	0	4	7
Environmental	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign Language	0	2	0	3	7
Guardian/Conservator	30	30	56	47	73
Immigration	35	40	22	29	35
Insurance	41	34	36	43	43
Labor Relations	367	386	418	403	422
Landlord/Tenant	159	161	207	111	311
Malpractice	185	198	191	242	256
Military	8	15	16	9	25
Mining	1	0	0	0	0
Negligence	373	308	448	438	434
Patent/Copyright/IP	26	26	0	0	0
Public Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Real Estate	187	151	174	165	229
Social Security Disability	11	72	83	116	118
Tax	11	19	29	28	19
Traffic	14	30	22	20	33
Trusts/Wills/Estates	138	118	120	143	203
Workers' Compensation	143	114	124	121	132
	3,261	3,086	3,414	3,226	3,856
Change from previous year	-5%	-5%	+10%	-5%	+19%

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.** A subscription to this online legal research tool is included in all members' annual 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 Premier 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 Premier 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.
 - **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 94% of substantive law section members. Members without e-mail are mailed a hard copy. Section meeting dates are posted on the website calendar and in the Bar's weekly E-News.
 - **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 experienced lawyers who will provide professional guidance and share practical knowledge and skills at the beginning of their careers. The Bar works with the local bar(s) to arrange these matches. There were 13 successful matches in 2013; 38 total since the program inception in 2011.

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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 2013, the IOLTA program earned \$9,948 from interest, and awarded grants totaling \$30,000.

2013 IOLTA Grants

Alaska Legal Services	\$22,500
Alaska Immigration Justice Project	\$7,500

- **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

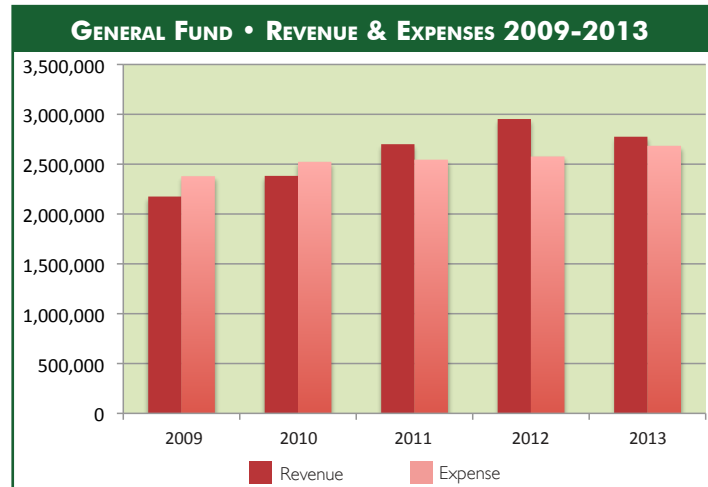
semi-annually for the education of the legal community. Bar members receive the publication as part of their Bar dues benefits.

- **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 nine-member public commission by the Governor from recommendations submitted by the Board of Governors.
- **Alaska Judicial Council** includes three attorneys who serve staggered, six-year terms on this seven-member panel. 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 2013 statement of activities reflects total general fund revenue of \$2,775,115 with total expenses of \$2,682,714. The "net gain" was \$92,400.



ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES For the Year ended December 31, 2013

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection</u>	<u>Court System Library Fund</u>	<u>Total All Funds</u>
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS				
Revenue and other income				
Dues	\$ 2,111,086	\$ 30,716	\$ -	\$ 2,141,802
Admission fees	186,025	-	-	186,025
Continuing legal education	138,792	-	-	138,792
Lawyer referral fees	39,094	-	-	39,094
Annual meeting	112,853	-	-	112,853
Rule 81 fees	122,200	3,880	-	126,080
Other	79,581	-	-	79,581
Earnings on investments	46,632	32,241	3	78,876
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(61,148)	(8,059)	-	(69,207)
Total unrestricted revenue	<u>2,775,115</u>	<u>58,778</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2,833,896</u>
Expenses				
Admissions	230,333	-	-	230,333
Board of Governors	49,167	-	-	49,167
Discipline	871,925	-	-	871,925
Fee arbitration	116,882	-	-	116,882
Lawyer referral	57,431	-	-	57,431
Continuing legal education	361,761	-	-	361,761
Administration	516,956	-	-	516,956
Pro Bono	103,735	-	-	103,735
Mandatory CLE	49,031	-	-	49,031
Annual meeting	101,838	-	-	101,838
Claims awarded	-	38,024	-	38,024
Trustee counsel	-	83,615	-	83,615
Other	223,655	300	12	223,967
Total expenses	<u>2,682,714</u>	<u>121,939</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2,804,665</u>
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	92,401	(63,161)	(9)	29,231
Unrestricted net assets, beginning of year	<u>2,141,036</u>	<u>1,334,829</u>	<u>24,473</u>	<u>3,500,338</u>
Unrestricted net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 2,233,437</u>	<u>\$ 1,271,668</u>	<u>\$ 24,464</u>	<u>\$ 3,529,569</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 2013

Bylaws, Article III, Section 1(a): The reference to the Alaska Pro Bono Program was deleted since the program no longer exists.

Bar Rules Proposed to the Supreme Court in 2013

Amendments to Bar Rule 12(a)(1), Bar Rule 5 Section 1(a)(2), Bar Rule 26, Bar Rule 12(k), Bar Rules 1, 2 and 5, and Alaska Rule of Professional Conduct 3.8 and 5.8 were proposed to the Court in 2013. See the next sections for the Court's action.

Bar Rules Adopted by the Supreme Court in 2013

The Court amended Bar Rules 22(a) and 61(e) to provide for administrative suspension of a lawyer who fails to respond to a grievance effective October 15, 2013.

The Court amended Bar Rule 4, Section 5 to provide that access to Multistate Bar Examination and Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination materials is subject to the policy of the National Conference of Bar Examiners effective October 15, 2013.

The Court amended Bar Rule 12(a)(1) to eliminate the office requirement for discipline area division members effective October 15, 2013.

The Court amended Bar Rule 5, Section 1(a)(2) to require an applicant for admission to take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination at an exam taken not more than seven years prior to the Alaska Bar application effective October 15, 2013.

The Court amended Bar Rules 1, 2, and 5 to adopt the Uniform Bar Examination effective January 1, 2014.

The Court added new Bar Rule 15.1 to require lawyers to have their trust accounts only at financial institutions that agree to provide trust account overdraft notices to bar counsel effective April 15, 2014.

The Court amended Bar Rule 26 regarding a lawyer's response to a motion for interim suspension effective April 15, 2014.

The Court amended Bar Rules 21(c)(4) and 26(i) regarding the confidentiality of information received by the Lawyers' Assistance Committee and policies regarding a lawyer's appeal of Committee recommendations effective April 15, 2014.

The Court amended Bar Rule 12(k) eliminating the requirement that the executive director select the next area division member in order when a member declines an appointment effective April 15, 2014.

The Court amended Alaska Rule of Professional Conduct 3.8 by adding new subparagraphs regarding a prosecutor's duties to disclose evidence of innocence effective April 15, 2014.

Bar Rules Rejected by the Supreme Court in 2013

The Court rejected an amendment to Bar Rule 63 regarding a warning statement to be given to persons assisted by nonlawyers.

The Court rejected amendments the Bar Rules 65-66 regarding Mandatory Continuing Legal Education.

The Court rejected a new Rule of Professional Conduct 5.8 regarding the duty of lawyers, other than prosecutors, to disclose evidence of innocence.

APPENDIX B

2013 Bar Sections & Committees

Substantive Sections and Chairs

At the end of 2013 there were 28 active sections (with one becoming inactive).

The Sections and Chairs follow:

Administrative Law

Stuart Goering & Becky Kruse

Admiralty Law

Steve Shamburek & Mark Manning

Alaska Native Law

Bruce Anders, Brennan Cain, Walter Featherly & Jana Turvey

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

Employment Law

Gregory Fisher & Danielle Ryman

Environmental/Natural Resources Law

Jamie Linxwiler, Steve Ross & Tina Sellers

Estate Planning/Probate Law

Maribeth Conway

Family Law

Whitney Bostick & Kara Nyquist

Federal Agency & Congressional Practice Law

Bill Falsey & Christine Williams

Health Law

Carolyn Heyman-Layne & Barbra Nault

Immigration Law

Lea McDermid

Intellectual Property Law

Jon Dawson, Jeffery Davis & Eva Gardner

International Law

Navhiz Calik Russell, Andy Haas & Julie Webb

Law & Community Health Forum

Linda Beech & Colleen Ray

Municipal Law

Cheryl Brooking & Brooks Chandler

New Lawyers

Loren Hildebrandt & Nick Lewis

Public Contracts

S. Lane Tucker

Real Estate Law

Phil Blumstein & Joe Reece

Social Security Disability Advocacy

(Section deactivated at end of 2013)

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

Vacant

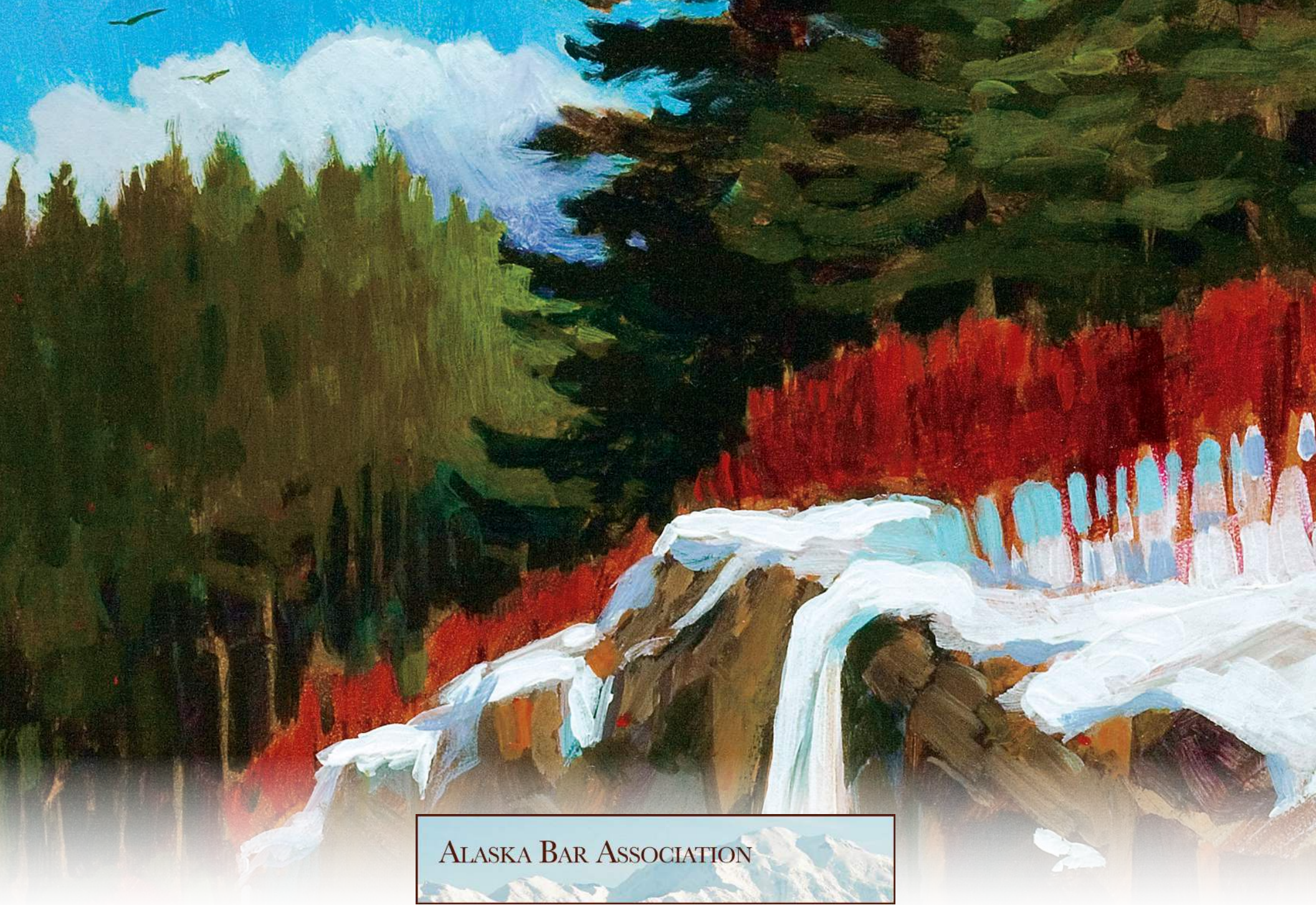
Lawyers Fund for Client Protection

Robert Stone

Pro Bono Services

Stacy Walker

The Mediation Panel, Area Disciplinary Hearing and Attorney Fee Dispute Review Committees have no chairs; members are drawn as needed from a "pool" of attorney and non-attorney appointees who serve on a volunteer basis.



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