The Alaska Bar Association has 4,716 members in the following categories:

By Status:

- Active in Alaska: 2,268
- Active Outside: 863
- Inactive in Alaska: 196
- Inactive Outside: 644
- Retired: 745

Active in Alaska by Judicial District:

- District 1: 250
- District 2: 22
- District 3: 1,788
- District 4: 208
Admissions/Licensing

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<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Applicants</th>
<th>Passed</th>
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<td>Feb. 2022</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>1st time takers</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>18</td>
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<td>59</td>
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**UBE:** Alaska administers the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) with the passing score set at 280.

49 applicants were approved for admission by UBE score transfer.

35 applicants were approved for admission by reciprocity.

**CLE**

In 2022 while still dealing with the aftermaths of COVID-19, the CLE department delivered 26 virtual programs, 2 in-person only programs and 4 hybrid (in-person & virtual) programs. Out of these 26 programs, 15 were free of charge (9 General & 11.5 Ethics credits).

The 2022 Annual Bar Convention was held in-person in Anchorage after being cancelled in 2020 and held virtually in 2021. 406 individuals attended at least one CLE or social event.

In addition to Live Alaska Bar CLE programs and convention, the CLE department also offers CLEs with a partnership with CLEWebinars and maintains a Video-on-Demand catalog.

**Mandatory Continuing Legal Education**

Active Bar members are required to:

- earn at least 3 CLE ethics credits
- encouraged to earn at least 9 additional credits
- report MCLE compliance annually

99.7% reported compliance

48.41% reported earning at least 12 credits

22.48% reported earning between 3 and 11 credits

29.11% reported earning only 3 ethics credits

9 Bar members were administratively suspended for failure to comply

**Member Services**

- **The Alaska Bar Rag:** The Bar’s newspaper is published and sent to Bar members quarterly.
- **The Alaska Law Review:** Published online by Duke Law School.
- **ALPS (Attorney Liability Protection Society):** Bar endorsed malpractice insurance company.
- **E-News:** Electronic bulletin is sent weekly to Bar members.
- **Fastcase:** All Bar members have free access to this online legal research service.
- **Insurance programs:** Bar sponsored group disability and life insurance programs for Bar members.

**2022 Board of Governors**

- Diana Wildland, President
- Jeffrey Robinson, President-Elect
- Ben Hofmeister, Vice President
- Bill Granger (Public Member), Treasurer
- Aimee Oravec, Secretary
- Ricardo Castillo (Public Member)
- Jed Cox (Public Member)
- Rachel Espejo
- Janell Hafner
- Nicholas Ostrovsky
- Rebecca Patterson
- Meghan “Sig” Taqqaq
- Ambriel Sandone, New Lawyer Liaison
Pro Bono Services

- **Martin Luther King Day:** As a result of COVID-19, the Bar hosted the 13th annual MLK Day free legal clinics via Zoom and Alaska Free Legal Answers. During the event, 45 volunteers provided 101 volunteer hours to 100 low to moderate income Alaskans with civil legal needs.

- **Alaska Free Legal Answers:** Provided assistance to 245 Alaskans by 25 volunteer lawyers who work with low-income Alaskans on a free web-based legal clinic where clients can ask up to three civil legal questions in one year.

Fee Arbitration

Clients may invoke the Bar’s mandatory fee arbitration process if they have a fee dispute with their lawyers.

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<th>Caseload</th>
<th>Fee Arbitrations</th>
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<td>January 1, 2022 Pending</td>
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<tr>
<td>New Matters Opened</td>
<td>+16</td>
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<td>Closed Matters</td>
<td>-19</td>
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<td>December 31, 2022 Pending</td>
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Committees and Sections

- In 2022 there were 27 active substantive law sections with a total individual membership of 2,952 for all sections. The total, including members with multiple sections (and non-Bar members) was 3,690.

- There are ten Standing Bar committees and five Bar Rule committees.

Public Service

The Lawyer Referral Service had 33 attorneys in 29 practice areas.

The Lawyer Referral Service provided referrals to 2,311 callers. The most frequently requested areas were divorce/custody; labor relations; and negligence.

The Alaska Bar Foundation distributed IOLTA (Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts) grants to Alaska Legal Services Corporation ($18,750) and Alaska Institute for Justice ($6,250) and Alaska Innocence Project ($5,000).


Awards

- **Board of Governors**
  - Distinguished Service – Matt Claman
  - Professionalism – Don McClintock
  - Layperson Service – Ingrid Vanderbrink
  - Robert Hickerson Public Service – Katy Soden

- **Bryan P. Timbers Pro Bono**
  - Private practitioner – Dorne Hawxhurst
  - Firm – Stoel Rives LLC
  - Public sector – Alice Curci

- **Alaska Bar Foundation**
  - Jay Rabinowitz Public Service
  - Mayor Patricia B. Branson

Of the 4,716 members of the Alaska Bar Association, Female Attorney Categories:

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<th>Active in Alaska</th>
<th>Active Outside</th>
<th>Inactive</th>
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<td>1,819</td>
<td>950</td>
<td>296</td>
<td>382</td>
<td>191</td>
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Of the 2,268 active members in Alaska, by Race/ethnicity categories:

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<th>Alaska Native</th>
<th>Hawaiian Native or other Pacific Islander</th>
<th>White</th>
<th>Other</th>
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<td>45</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>840</td>
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Financial & Administration

Attorney Discipline
The Discipline Section processed 181 new grievances against lawyers in 2022 compared to 159 grievances in 2021, a 14% increase.

Of the 181 new grievances, 144 were thoroughly reviewed but did not warrant investigation, 6 were opened for formal investigation.

**Caseload:**

| Open for Investigation on January 1, 2022 | 29 |
| Files Opened for Investigation* | +9 |
| Closed by Disbarment | 0 |
| Closed by Suspension by Alaska Supreme Court | 0 |
| Closed by Public Censure | 0 |
| Closed by Private Reprimand | 0 |
| Closed by Written Private Admonition | 0 |
| Dismissed after Formal Investigation | -5 (4 lawyers) |
| Open for Investigation on December 31, 2022 | 32 |

*Includes matters filed previous to 2022

The change in open caseload increased by 10% in 2022.

The Discipline Section tracked 123 contacts with the public beginning March 1, 2022. Our offices were closed in the first quarter of 2022 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and our staff worked remotely.

Cover art: “Alaska Love” by Dawn Gerety
Dawn Gerety was born in Sydney, Australia and raised across the globe in Girdwood, Alaska. As a lifelong Alaskan, she is moved by the natural splendor that has surrounded her for her entire life – mountains, wildlife, rivers, wildflowers and outdoor activities. Dawn paints these images and creates her own language with a swipe of color or a rigid line of dots. She injects a fiercely whimsical vitality to Alaskan icons the only way she knows how.

Lawyers’ Fund for Client Protection

The Lawyers' Fund is responsible for reimbursing clients or others who have lost money or property due to a lawyer’s dishonest conduct. One claim was filed in 2021 and the LFCP Committee decided to hold the claim in abeyance pending resolution of a related civil lawsuit. It continued to be held in abeyance for all of 2022. No other claims were filed in 2022.

The Fund may also pay for the fees and expenses of Trustee Counsel who are appointed to assist clients of a deceased or unavailable attorney. No fees or expenses were paid in trustee counsel fees in 2022.

BAR BYLAWS, REGULATIONS, AND COURT RULES ACTED ON IN 2022

**The Board of Governors:**
Amended Article III, Section 3(b) of the Bylaws of the Alaska Bar Association regarding suspension for nonpayment of Bar dues.

**The Alaska Supreme Court:**

- The Supreme Court signed SCO 1991 amending Professional Conduct Rule 1.8(e) and Comment concerning a gift exception to the prohibition on providing financial assistance to a client in connection with pending or contemplated litigation.
- The Supreme Court signed SCO 1994 amending Professional Conduct Rule 8.4(c) and Comment concerning dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation; amending Professional Conduct Rule 9.1 concerning the definition of “fraud” and adding a definition for “lawful covert investigation”; and amending cross references to Professional Conduct Rule 9.1 in the Comments to the Professional Conduct Rules.
- The Supreme Court signed SCO 1994 amending Bar Rule 43.5 concerning waivers for non-lawyers trained and supervised by Alaska Legal Services Corporation.
- The Supreme Court signed SCO 1980 amending Bar Rule 2 to expand access to admission by transferred UBE score and incorporate Section 1(e) into eligibility requirements for all applicants.

**ETHICS GUIDANCE**

The Board of Governors adopted 2 formal ethics opinion proposed by the Bar’s standing Ethics Committee in 2022. Formal ethics opinions provide the Bar Association’s official position on ethics issues.

In addition, Bar Counsel’s office responded to 804 requests for informal ethics guidance in the course of the year.

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Ethics Committee: 2022

- Grady Eason
- Katie V. Solomon
- Kris A. Johnson
- George R. Schubel
- Andrew D. Holman
- John J. Montevecchi
- Kenyon E. Carlson
- Lory L. Dilts
- Ronald C. Johnson
- Melissa A. Biddle
- Emily P. Fenton
- William G. Reinhard
- William D. Smoot
- Geoffrey Kauffman

Bar Dues: $660

- Discipline $260
- Administration $204
- CLE $58
- Pro Bono $35
- Fee Arbitration $25
- BOG $17
- Lawyer Referral $15
- MCLE $12

- LFSCP $10
- Bar Rag $6
- FastCase $5
- Committees $5
- Sections $3
- Web Page $3
- MLK Day $1
- New Lawyer Travel $1

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