Bar members by the numbers
The Alaska Bar Association has 4,789 members in the following categories:

**By Status:**
- Active in Alaska: 2,294
- Active Outside: 911
- Inactive in Alaska: 184
- Inactive Outside: 621
- Retired: 779

**Active in Alaska by Judicial District:**
- District 1: 249
- District 2: 23
- District 3: 1,811
- District 4: 211

**Active in Alaska by Gender:**
- Female Attorneys: 977
- Male Attorneys: 1,313
- Other: 4

**Active in Alaska by Race/Ethnicity:**
- Alaska Native: 49
- Asian: 34
- Black or African American: 23
- Hispanic or Latino: 30
- Hawaiian Native or other: 1
- Pacific Islander: 1
- India Subcontinent: 6
- Native American: 18
- White: 879
- Other: 1
- Not reported: 1,253
Admissions/Licensing

Alaska administers the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) with a passing score of 270.

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Applicants Approved for Admission:
- Bar Exam: 57
- UBE Score Transfer: 66
- Admission on Motion: 43

Temporary Practice Waivers Issued:
- Pro Hac Vice (Civ.R. 81): 240
- ALSC Waivers (B.R. 43): 5
- Supervised Practitioner (B.R. 44): 50
- 10-Month (A.S. 08.08.210): 9
- Legal Intern (B.R. 44): 44

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.
- Practice Management Tools: All Bar members have discounted access to Clio (case management tool) and LawPay (payment solution for attorneys).
- Insurance programs: Bar sponsored group disability and life insurance programs for Bar members.

CLE

In 2023, the AK Bar Continuing Legal Education (CLE) department presented a total of 34 programs, comprising 27 virtual sessions, six in-person events, and one hybrid program combining in-person and virtual elements. Among these offerings, 20 programs were provided free of charge.

The 2023 Annual Bar Convention was held in Fairbanks. It had 203 attendees who participated in at least one CLE or social event.

The Alaska Bar offered 65.5 general CLE credits and six Ethics credits through the facilitation of 74 section meetings.

Beyond the live Alaska Bar CLE programs, convention and section meetings, the CLE department extends its educational reach through partnerships with CLEWebinars. Additionally, it maintains a comprehensive Video-on-Demand catalog, ensuring accessible and diverse educational resources for its members.

CLE Attendance by Program Format

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Committees and Sections

- In 2023 there were 27 active substantive law sections, with a total individual membership of 2,977 for all sections. The total, including members with multiple sections (and non-Bar members) was 3,711. The Alaska Bar Association held 79 section meetings with over 1,721 attendees.

- There are ten standing Bar committees and five Bar Rule committees.
Mandatory Continuing Legal Education

Active Bar members are required to:

- earn at least 3 CLE ethics credits and report MCLE compliance annually
- encouraged to earn an additional 9 credits
- In 2023, Bar members report their MCLE compliance for 2022

99.53% reported compliance
50.95% reported earning at least 12 credits
21.29% reported earning between 3 and 11 credits
27.76% reported earning only 3 ethics credits
14 Bar members were administratively suspended for failure to comply

Starting January 1, 2025, active Bar members will be required to earn twelve CLE credit hours per year. Three of those twelve CLE credits must be ethics credits.

Awards

Board of Governors
Distinguished Service – Judge Niesje Steinkruger
Professionalism – Michael O’Brien
Layperson Service – Steven Reilly
Robert Hickerson Public Service – Danielle Ryman

Judge Nora Guinn Award
Magistrate Judge Jeffrey May

Bryan P. Timbers Pro Bono
Private practitioner – Michael Mitchell
Lifetime Achievement – Stoel Rives LLC
Public sector – Andrea Hattan

Alaska Bar Foundation Jay Rabinowitz Public Service
Judge Stephanie Rhoades

Pro Bono Services

- **Martin Luther King Day:** The Bar hosted the 14th annual MLK Day free legal clinic in four communities throughout Alaska: Anchorage, Bethel, Fairbanks, and Juneau. During the events, 85 volunteers provided 265 volunteer hours to 185 low to moderate income Alaskans with civil legal needs.

- **Elizabeth Peratrovich Legal Clinic:** The Bar hosted the 10th annual free legal clinic during the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention for convention attendees in Anchorage. During the event, 16 volunteers provided 48 volunteer hours to 33 clients.

- **Alaska Free Legal Answers:** Provided assistance to 258 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.

Public Service

Lawyer Referral Service: The service had 39 attorneys in 29 practice areas. The Lawyer Referral Service provided referrals to 3,078 callers. The most frequently requested areas were divorce/custody; labor relations; and negligence.

Bar Foundation: Distributed IOLTA (Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts) grants to Alaska Legal Services Corporation ($37,500) and Alaska Institute for Justice ($12,500).

Youth Law Guide: The Law Related Education Committee updated and maintained this public education resource which helps young Alaskans understand the law and how it may affect them. 68,947 users accessed the guide online in 2023, an increase of 23,556 from 2022.

Scholarships: The Scholarship Fundraising and Implementation Committee offers law school scholarships to current 1st or 2nd year law students who demonstrate ties to Alaska, and an intent to return to Alaska. Since inception in 2019, the Scholarship Committee has raised a total of $40,155 and has awarded 74 scholarships ranging from $100-$2,500.

Cover art: “Angle Rocks” by Linda Weis. Linda Wies is a Fairbanks based printmaker. She ventured into the world of art after moving to Alaska. Linda’s work is largely focused on creating multi block relief prints. The subjects of Linda’s work are typically found in the forest around her home. Fungi and lichen, ravens and sandhill cranes, and berries and flowers are all reoccurring images in her art.
Financial & Administration

2023 Bar Dues Breakdown for Active Members

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Total general fund revenue: $3,182,820
Total expenses: $2,747,479
Net Gain: $435,341

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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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. The program had one claim in 2023 which is currently pending. 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 expenses were paid in trustee counsel fees in 2023.

Bar Bylaws, Regulations, and Court Rules Acted On in 2023

The Board of Governors:
There were no Bar Bylaws amended in 2023.

The Alaska Supreme Court:
The Supreme Court signed SCO 2002 amending Bar Rules 2, 4, and 5 to lower the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) passing admission score from 280 to 270.

Ethics Guidance

The Board of Governors adopted two formal ethics opinions proposed by the Bar’s standing Ethics Committee in 2023. Formal ethics opinions provide the Bar Association’s official position on ethics issues.

In addition, Bar Counsel’s office responded to 867 requests from lawyers for informal ethics guidance in the course of the year.

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