ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION

To: Active Attorneys

From: Danielle Bailey, Executive Director

Date: October 16, 2026

Re: Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference

The Alaska Bar Association is soliciting names for two lawyer representatives to serve a three-year term to the 9th Circuit Judicial Conference. The terms of Sarah Schirack and Cristina Weidner Tafs expired on September 30, 2026.

Lawyer representatives work to foster open communications between federal judges and attorneys, and provide support and advice in the functioning of the court. Lawyer representatives sit on various court committees, help plan and present the local District Conferences, and serve as a liaison between the federal bench and the practicing bar. Applicants should have some regular practice in federal court.

Representatives are expected to attend the Ninth Circuit Conference in the summer. The U.S. District Court for Alaska will contribute a portion of the lawyer representative's cost to attend the Ninth Circuit Conference, up to $3,000, upon request.

There will be no bar poll. Interested lawyers are asked to submit a resume and letter of interest. The Bar Association will collect the resumes and letters of interest and forward them on to the Court. The Court makes the actual selection.

Any attorney interested in appointment to this position should submit their name to the Alaska Bar Association by Monday, November 16, 2026. Members should include a resume and a letter of interest in the position to Danielle Bailey at bailey@alaskabar.org.

Deadline: Monday, November 16, 2026