

Bar Association scholarships announced

In the 1980s, the Alaska Bar Association offered a scholarship program for Alaskans who were first- and second-year law students and intended to return to Alaska after law school graduation. Alaska has no law schools, so the cost of a legal education for Alaskans is even more expensive because of travel, housing and out-of-state tuition costs. Law students today face a much larger financial burden than most seasoned practitioners did when they were in law school 30 years ago. Unfortunately, the Bar's scholarship program was discontinued long ago. Last year, however, the Board of Governors voted to implement a new scholarship program.

The scholarship program works as follows: The Bar Association created a special fund managed by the Alaska Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations to the fund are therefore tax-deductible. Interested first- and second-year law students are required to submit an application and a one-page essay about why they want to come back to Alaska and practice law here. The Bar's Scholarship Committee may request proof of residency and law school enrollment to verify applicant eligibility requirements.

The application deadline for the first year of scholarship awards has passed. The Scholarship Committee met April 26 to review applications and announce the scholarship recipients. The Bar received a total of \$4,400 in generous donations. All

funds received before April 26 were applied to this year's scholarship program, and the following scholarships were awarded:

2019 Scholarship recipients:

- Summer Rife
- Eric Ringstad
- Nancy Braman
- Noah Roetman
- Jamie Schwantes
- Jason Ringstad

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The bar would like to thank all of the donors.

The Bar is now accepting donations for the next round of scholarships. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated, and you or your organization will receive public recognition at the 2020 Alaska



Noah Roetman



Jason Ringstad



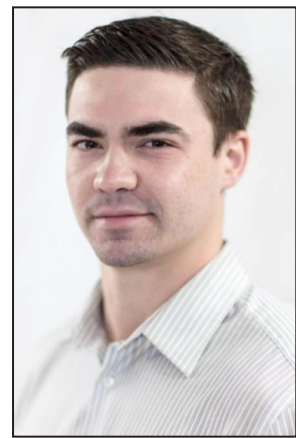
Summer Rife



Jamie Schwantes



Nancy Braman



Eric Ringstad

Bar Convention being held in Anchorage, as well as acknowledgment in the Bar Rag. This is a great opportunity to help struggling Alaska law students make the most of their legal education. These students will return to Alaska to become our next generation of lawyers and judges.

Please send your tax-deductible check, payable to the Alaska Bar Scholarship Fund, to the Bar office, or log on to the Bar's website at www.alaskaba.org and pay online. Please contact Bar staff if you have any question. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Bar People

Juneau attorney becomes a firm shareholder

Gabriel Sassoon has become a shareholder of **Baxter Bruce & Sullivan P.C.** Baxter Bruce & Sullivan P.C. is a three-attorney firm located in Juneau. Sassoon's practice emphasizes real property, intellectual property, business transactions, contracts, probate and family law. He has been with the firm since October 2014. He graduated from the UCLA Law School in California. Sassoon may be contacted at (907) 789-3166 or gsassoon@bbslawyer.com.

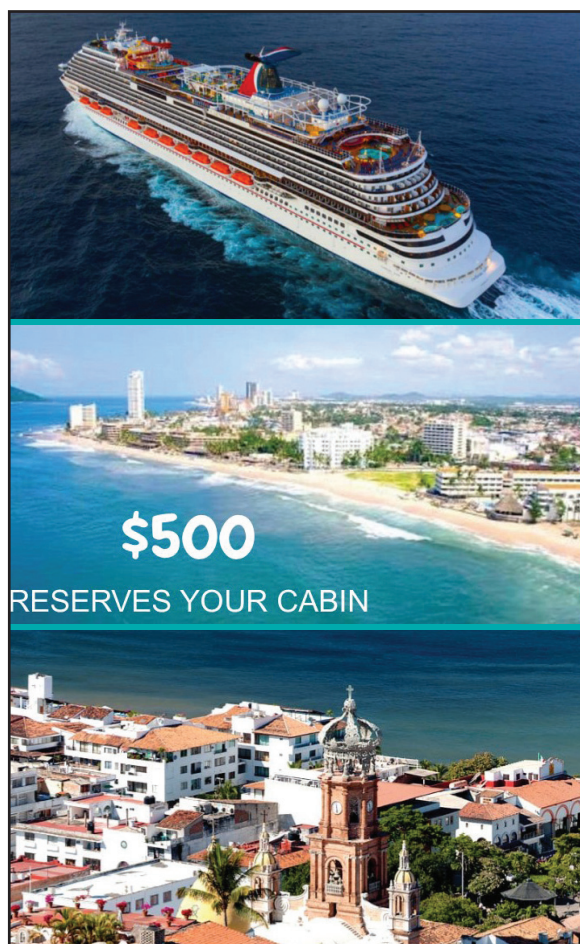
Landye Bennett Blumstein welcomes new lawyer



Karl A. Kaufman

Karl A. Kaufman joined Landye Bennett Blumstein May 1, 2019. Kaufman focuses his practice on federal and state taxation, estate planning and probate administration, tax-exempt organizations and Alaska Native law. He received an LLM in Taxation from New York University School of Law where he was a Wilf Tax Scholar, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Oregon School of Law (Order of the Coif).

Kaufman is a member of the Alaska and Oregon Bar Associations, and is the current president of the Anchorage Estate Planning Council. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Anchorage Library Foundation.



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