

# ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION

## NOMINATING PETITION Deadline: February 20, 2026

### Alaska Bar Association Board of Governors

We, the undersigned, nominate (nominee): Samuel "Sam" Laffey to serve as:

Alaska Bar Association Board of Governor for the following judicial district:

At Large  3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District

Emily Belic  
(Signature of Nominator)

Emily Belic  
(Print Name)

Brooke Berens  
(Signature of Nominator)

Brooke Berens  
(Print Name)

[Signature]  
(Signature of Nominator)

Jim Corrigan  
(Print Name)

I hereby consent to the above nomination.

Samuel J. Laffey  
(Signature of Nominee)

Sam Laffey  
(Print Name)

**In addition to the above signatures, candidates should submit a resume and/or a letter with a statement of your background, which will be posted on the Bar's website. Materials must be received by Friday, February 20, 2026.**

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## Statement of Candidacy

My name is Sam Laffey, and I am running for the 3rd Judicial District Board of Governors. I have practiced law in Alaska for 5 years. I am proud to call Alaska home and am committed to strengthening our legal community and the integrity of our profession. My current work as an Assistant Public Advocate, along with my prior service as a prosecutor, has underscored for me the importance of access, competence, fairness, and justice in the practice of law.

I have always had a passion for public service and have served for the past 3 years on the Bar Examiner's Committee, and I see serving on the Board of Governors as continuation of this public service. If chosen, I will work to advance the Alaska Bar Association to better serve our members and our communities.

I am running because the ongoing shift from the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) to the NextGen Bar Exam presents a critical moment for Alaska's legal future. The proposed transition offers both opportunities and risks. I believe that the Alaska Supreme Court and the Alaska Bar Association need to take active consideration of developing a state-specific bar exam component that addresses Alaska's unique rules and practice environment. Our profession and the public are best served by a bar exam that reflects the fact that the practice of law in our state is different – whether it is the uniqueness of Alaska's Constitution, distinct case law, or the fact that Alaska's geography and court system affect practice in ways unique to the state.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. If elected, I will proudly represent the 3rd Judicial District and work to ensure that Alaska's Bar Association remains strong, independent, and responsive to the needs of its members and the communities in which we practice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Laffey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sam Laffey