

ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION

NOMINATING PETITION

Deadline: August 4, 2023

**Alaska Bar Association Board of Governors;
ALSC Board of Directors; ABA Delegate**

We, the undersigned, nominate (name of nominee): Myra Munson
to serve as:

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

☐ 1st ☐ 2nd/4th ☐ 3rd ☐ At large

☒ **ALSC Board of Director** for the following jurisdiction and seat (regular or alternate):

1st Judicial District - regular

☐ **American Bar Association Delegate** for the following seat:

☐ Regular ☐ Young Lawyer Delegate

Eric Vang
(Signature of Nominator)

Eric Vang
(Print Name)

Heather Parker
(Signature of Nominator)

Heather Parker
(Print Name)

Michelle Lampton
(Signature of Nominator)

"Jessie" Michelle Lampton
(Print Name)

I hereby consent to the above nomination.

Myra M. Munson
(Signature of Nominee)

MYRA M MUNSON
(Print Name)

In addition to the above signatures, candidates should submit a letter or statement of candidacy that will be posted on the Bar's website. The statement must be received by August 4, 2023.

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Dear Colleagues:

I currently hold one of Alaska Legal Services Corporation's First Judicial District Attorney Member seats. I have served in this role since 2017, and am ALSC's Vice-President. I would very much like to continue in this role. Both ALSC and the clients they serve are facing unprecedented challenges and as a longstanding supporter of their work, I believe I have the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to provide strong support and guidance during such a time. I hope you will support me in my efforts to continue my work with ALSC going forward.

For those who may not know me, I was born in Juneau and grew up in Fairbanks, Alaska and earned my bachelor's degree at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and my law degree and master's degree in social at the University of Denver in 1980. I founded the Juneau office of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller and Monkman, LLP in 1990, after serving as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services from 1986-1990. The experience I have gained through my long career and work in Alaska particularly my social services background is very helpful in my role as an ALSC board member. My resume is attached.

Thank you!

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Education

University of Denver School of Law, J.D. while simultaneously earning an MSW degree, 1980

University of Alaska Fairbanks, B.A., 1972

Bar & Court Admissions

Alaska, 1980

U.S. District Court 1984

Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Monkman, LLP

1990-present. Since January 2017, of counsel. Formerly, partner. Nationwide practice emphasizes self-determination and self-governance, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), Medicaid and other third-party reimbursement issues, and other tribal health program operations issues.

Represents tribes in planning and assuming programs and negotiating Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) Title I and Title V agreements with the Indian Health Service (IHS) and Bureau of Indian Affairs in more than half of the IHS Areas and BIA Regions. Participated in negotiated rule making committees for the ISDEAA Title IV and Title V regulations.

Participated in negotiation of the Alaska Indian Child Welfare Compact between tribes and tribal organizations and the Department of Health and Social Services. Technical advisor to the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) National Steering Committee from its inception; assisted in drafting and editing substantial sections of the IHCIA reauthorization; and testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Since its adoption as part of the Affordable Care Act, has conducted innumerable training programs at national and regional conferences and for individual tribes and tribal organizations, as well as assisting tribal health programs to implement various provisions of the IHCIA and ACA.

Member of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Medicare & Medicaid Policy Committee, and a technical advisor to the CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group since their inception.

In other areas of practice, works with Alaska Tribal Health Programs to draft the Community Health Aide Program Standards, including the standards for Dental Health Aide Therapists, and now assists tribes and organizations considering expansion of these services in other locations.

State of Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services

1986-1990. Commissioner

Other Employment

1983-1986. Alaska Department of Law, Assistant Attorney General, Fairbanks

1980 to 1983. Alaska Division of Family & Youth Services, Social Services Program/Court Coordinator, Anchorage

1982-1983. University of Alaska Anchorage, School of Justice & Social Work. Part-time instructor.

1972-1980. Alaska Division of Family & Children Services, Child Protective Services Worker, Fairbanks.

HONORS:

- 2017 National Indian Health Board Jake Whitecrow Award for Lifetime Achievement;
First Alaskans Foundation Ted Stevens Friend of First Alaskans Award;
- 2011 Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation's President's Award for promoting
public understanding of Alaska Native health and wellness issues;
- 2003 Alaska Federation of Natives' Denali Award