

NOMINATING PETITION Deadline: July 19, 2024

ALSC Board of Directors and ABA Delegate

We, the undersigned, nominate (name of nominee): <u>Ben Muse</u> to serve as:

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

3rd Judicial District, Alternate Seat

American Bar Association Delegate:	
(Signature of Nominator)	SAMUEL L. EILERS (ASST. FED. DEFENDER) (Print Name)
(Signature of Nominator)	Gretchen Staft (Assistant Federal Deferder) (Print Name)
(Signature of Nominator)	(Print Name)
I hereby consent to the above nomination.	
1 DWL	Ben Muse
(Signature of Nominee)	(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 <u>received</u> by July 19, 2024.

Mail to: Alaska Bar Association 840 K Street, Suite 100 Anchorage, AK 99501 Email: <u>bailey@alaskabar.org</u> Fax: (907) 272-2932

G:\ADMIN\EXDIR\BOG\Elections\2024 nominating petition joint.docx

Dear Members of the Alaska Bar:

I am seeking to be reappointed to the Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) Board of Directors. I have recently completed a three-year term as an alternate board member. In that capacity, I have been truly impressed by the work, and the remarkable dedication of, the organization's staff, and have enjoyed working with other board members to serve the people of Alaska. I want to continue to do what I can to support ALSC's staff and its mission.

Further, I believe my background in indigent defense gives me a unique perspective that will allow me to contribute to board discussions and decision-making. I have worked as a public defender for approximately 12 years, first with the State of Alaska, and currently—since February 2021—with the federal government. I am intimately familiar with the issues particular to those involved in the criminal justice system. And I have observed, through my clients, the impact ALSC makes in solving legal problems and assisting people in moving out of houselessness, substance misuse, and cycles of recidivism.

Alaska has been transitioning through an incredibly painful period both socially and economically. The social-safety net is fraying. Many of the burdens of the pandemic and inflation have fallen most harshly on the indigent. ALSC is needed more than ever. I would be honored to be chosen to continue to serve this important organization.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ben Muse