

ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION

NOMINATING PETITION

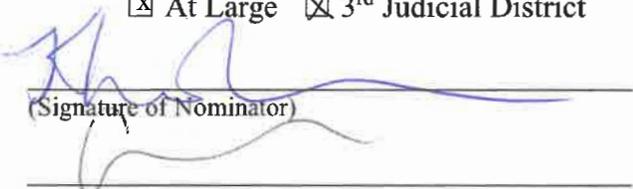
Deadline: February 20, 2026

Alaska Bar Association Board of Governors

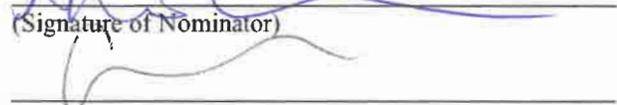
We, the undersigned, nominate (nominee): Rebecca Patterson to serve as:

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

At Large 3rd Judicial District


(Signature of Nominator)

Khalig Withen
(Print Name)


Signature of Nominator)

Eva Gardner
(Print Name)

Martina Tanrik
(Signature of Nominator)

Martina Tanrik
(Print Name)

I hereby consent to the above nomination.

Rebecca Patterson
(Signature of Nominee)

Rebecca Patterson
(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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February 13, 2026

Alaska Bar Association

Board of Governors Written Statement

Dear Fellow Bar Members,

I write to express my interest in continuing to serve on the Board of Governors. I have served on the Board since 2022 and currently hold the role of Bar President. My priorities are to ensure the Bar remains focused on its mission—to regulate the practice of law, to promote meaningful reforms, to facilitate the administration of justice, to encourage continued learning, and to increase the public service and efficiency of the Bar.

Over the past three years, the Bar has gone through tremendous changes—we:

- worked with community partners to implement the new Community Justice Worker program, which increases access to basic legal services in some of our most remote and otherwise unserved communities;
- reassessed and updated our rules on attorney admission to help address Alaska’s attorney shortage, which creates critical access to justice issues, especially in our State’s more remote and rural areas;
- managed the transition of some of our longest-serving staff as they moved on to retirement and new phases of life;
- achieved significant milestones in responsible management of the Bar’s infrastructure and facilities, including by updating our IT systems and fully paying off the Alaska Bar building;
- approved a move to an entirely new Bar exam, which will more closely align the Bar exam with the skills needed to be an effective lawyer, focusing more on analytical skills and less on rote memorization;
- implemented the Bar’s first Strategic Plan and recently adopted a new one extending through 2029; and
- managed increased volumes of disciplinary matters, non-standard testing accommodations, character and fitness reviews, and requests from the Lawyers Fund for Client Protection.

It has been a busy time for the Bar Association and for the Board. With that said, there is a lot more work to be done. I am proud of the new Strategic Plan the Board recently adopted (for more detail, please see my next Bar Rag article, which should come out around the same time as this poll). While serving in Bar leadership, I have had the opportunity to connect with

attorneys near and far—not only at Bar conferences and events, but also by speaking at swearing-in ceremonies in Anchorage, attending judicial installations in Kodiak and Fairbanks, and being part of the Bar’s outreach on the Kenai peninsula. Informed in part by those experiences, the new Strategic Plan places the Bar’s focus for the next three years on *you*, the members. Its new priority areas aim to strengthen member engagement and provide additional resources, including those that support the mental health and wellbeing of our members, and connecting with potential new members, such as law clerks, interns, in-State law school applicants, and qualified attorneys relocating to Alaska.

This election has the potential to bring significant changes to the Board, with three of our four longest-serving attorney members all up for reelection this year. On my part, I am excited to carry on with the work, using the institutional knowledge and experience I have gained over the last four years to ensure that the Board and the Bar as a whole remain responsive to Bar members and the community.

I hope you will choose to keep me on the Board so that I can continue working to move the organization forward. But regardless of who you choose to support, I hope you will stay engaged in Bar activities and join us at the upcoming Annual Bar Convention in Juneau, April 29 through May 1!

Best regards,

Rebecca Patterson