

Rachel Weckhorst Espejo
Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

March 7, 2025

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Members of the Alaska Bar Association,

I am honored to have been nominated to serve another term on the Board of Governors for the Third Judicial District. For those members of the bar that don't already know me, I would like to introduce myself and let you know a little bit about me, and about the work I have done as a member of the Board of Governors since 2021. I have lived in Alaska since December 2013 and have been an active member of the bar since May 2014. I grew up in the military and spent the majority of my life in Japan until moving to Hawai'i as a teenager. I went to high school and college in Hawai'i, and then law school in San Diego. I am married to my high school sweetheart (also from Hawai'i) and we have two children, an almost three year old son and a six month old daughter. I also maintain my bar license in Hawai'i, although I am an inactive member of that bar.

I was a public defender for eight years before transitioning to work for Tlingit & Haida in January of 2022. I have spent all but the first 6 months of my career handling child welfare cases. While at the Public Defender Agency I also handled criminal and civil commitment cases, and I served on the rules committee to draft the first civil commitment rules for Alaska. Public Service has been my professional passion, and it is my intention to work my entire career in public interest.

In my time on the Board of Governors I have been proud to represent my colleagues in the Third Judicial District and would be very proud to continue my representation for another term. Some highlights of my time on the Board of Governors have been to participate in the strategic planning that led to the bar setting the admissions score of the Bar Exam to 270, keeping bar dues steady for over a decade, and voting to use available funding to pay off the Bar Building (thus saving members money).

I respectfully request your vote to serve another term as your representative on the Board of Governors,

Rachel Weckhorst Espejo

ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION

NOMINATING PETITION

Deadline: March 7, 2025

**Alaska Bar Association Board of Governors;
AJC; ABA Young Lawyer Delegate**

We, the undersigned, nominate (nominee): Rachel Espejo to serve as:

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

1st 2nd/4th 3rd

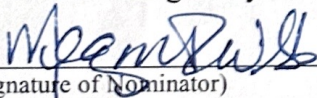
New Lawyer Liaison to the Board (nominee signatures are not needed for this position)

Alaska Judicial Council¹ for the following jurisdiction:

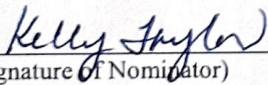
2nd/4th

American Bar Association Delegate for the following seat:

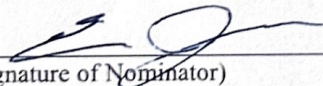
Young Lawyer Delegate


(Signature of Nominator)

Megan R. Webb
(Print Name)

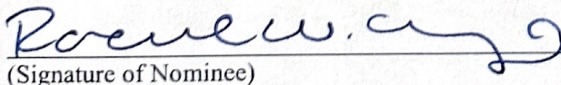

Signature of Nominator)

Kelly Taylor
(Print Name)


(Signature of Nominator)

Emily Jura
(Print Name)

I hereby consent to the above nomination. If running for the AJC I am aware of the requirement to file a Conflict of Interest Statement with the Alaska Public Offices Commission if nominated.¹


(Signature of Nominee)

Rachel W. Espejo
(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, March 7, 2025.

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¹ PLEASE NOTE: Attorneys receiving a salary from the State of Alaska or from the U.S. Government are ineligible for appointment (Alaska Constitution, Article 4, Section 8). The person appointed to the Council is subject to the disclosure requirements of AS 39.50, the Conflict of Interest Law. An attorney may not serve on the Council and the Commission on Judicial Conduct simultaneously.