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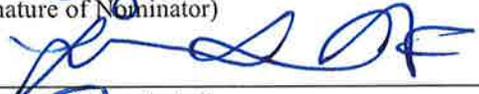
NOMINATING PETITION  
Deadline: February 20, 2026

Alaska Bar Association Board of Governors

We, the undersigned, nominate (nominee): MICHAEL SCHECHTER to serve as:  
 Alaska Bar Association Board of Governor for the following judicial district:  
 At Large  3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District

  
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(Signature of Nominator)

Stephanie Huang  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

  
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(Signature of Nominator)

Laura Duke Fisher  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

  
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(Signature of Nominator)

Matthew T. Zander  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

I hereby consent to the above nomination.

  
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(Signature of Nominee)

MICHAEL S. SCHECHTER  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(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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## MICHAEL S. SCHECHTER

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### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

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**ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION** 2017 – Present

- Member of the Bar Examiners Committee.
- Served as elected Representative to the American Bar Association House of Delegates.
- Represented Alaska at NextGen Bar Exam Calibration.

**LEADERSHIP TOMORROW** Class of 2013  
Completed intensive year-long leadership program for developing effective community leaders.

**KING COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION, Seattle, Washington** 2009 – 2013  
**Trustee, Breakfast with Champions Chair (2011 – 2013)**

- Served on professional foundation board to advance Bar programs championing access to justice programs that support pro bono legal services and increasing attorney diversity.
- As Breakfast chair, led planning for largest gathering of attorneys in Washington State, raising at least \$250,000 annually.

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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**ASHBURN & MASON P.C., Anchorage, Alaska** 2020 – Present  
**Shareholder, Of Counsel**

- Counselor to Alaska businesses and property owners on airport and aviation issues; real estate development and management, commercial leasing, municipal law, eminent domain, employment law, and property valuation matters.
- Represent quasi-governmental, commercial, and individual clients in trial and appellate courts on a variety of issues including governmental authority and permitting, real property disputes, NEPA/environmental law, and business/contract matters.
- Recognized in 2024, 2025 Alaska Business Legal Elite lists for Aviation, Maritime, and Transportation Law; 2023-2025 *Super Lawyers* lists. Both lists are peer-nominated.

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LAW, Anchorage, Alaska** 2014 – 2020  
**Assistant Attorney General – Transportation, Natural Resources, Special Litigation Sections**

- Served as general counsel to the Alaska International Airport System, representing and advising the world's 4<sup>th</sup> largest cargo airport (and all 238 other state airports) on FAA, TSA, CBP, NEPA, real estate, compliance, governance, environmental, and financial matters. Managed outside counsel.
- Supervised and coordinated Special Litigation multi-disciplinary teams comprised of attorneys and support staff to tackle complex and high-profile litigation. Provided education and guidance on litigation issues for other Department sections.
- Advised and represented state agencies on public land management and real estate issues.
- Governor's Denali Peak Performance Award: 2016 Honorable Mention; 2017 Nominee.

**FOSTER PEPPER PLLC**, Seattle, Washington

Summer 2003, 2004 – 2013

**Member, Associate, Summer Associate**

- Advisor and litigator focused on real estate, municipal government, and land use with extensive experience supporting local governments and commercial enterprises including frequent consultation with elected officials and in-house counsel.
- Responsible for all aspects of case strategy, management, drafting, and representation in municipal, land use, and real estate litigation with an emphasis on eminent domain, governmental authority, and taxation.
- Counseled public and private clients on transactional and governance matters, including public records, land use, intergovernmental agreements, contracts, commercial leasing, real property sales, and comprehensive planning project management.
- Representative matters include 5.3 million square-foot mixed-use redevelopment project, successful mediated resolution of environmental claim against a suburban city, and *PUD No. 1 of Okanogan County v. State of Washington*, 342 P.3d 308 (Wash. 2015) (affirming local utility's exercise of eminent domain on state trust lands).
- Represented domestic violence survivors pro bono in protection order hearings.

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**, Seattle, Washington

2009 – 2013

**Affiliate Instructor**

- Taught required course on land use law for the Masters in Urban Planning program.

**KING COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, Seattle, Washington

2010

**Trial Fellow**

- Tried felony drug prosecutions to jury verdicts as lead counsel or second chair.

**ISLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**, Coupeville, Washington

2000 – 2001

**Assistant County Planner**

- Authored comprehensive plan materials, environmental assessments/impact statements, and legislation on land use planning, environmental issues, and development standards.

**EDUCATION**

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**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, Cambridge, Massachusetts

J.D., 2004

- *Journal on Legislation*, Supervising Editor
- Harvard Defenders (criminal defense representation for indigent clients)
- Teaching Assistant, Professor Kenneth Mack, Property
- Public Interest Auction, Corporations Co-Chair
- HLS Tax Help (volunteer income tax assistance)

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**, Seattle, Washington

B.A./B.A., 2000

- Dual Degrees *cum laude* in Geography (With Distinction) and Political Science
- Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Outstanding Senior in Geography (Departmental and National)