



Alaska Board of Governors' Statement in Support of the Rule of Law

As the preamble of the Alaska Rules of Professional conduct explains, "An independent legal profession is an important force in preserving government under law, for abuse of legal authority is more readily challenged by a profession whose members are not dependent on government for the right to practice." Each and every Alaska attorney took an oath to support the Constitution, to respect courts of justice and judicial officers, and to uphold the honor and dignity of the legal profession.

As a Board of Governors, we also must fulfill the purposes of our Bar Association, which include to regulate the practice of law and to facilitate the administration of justice. The Board wholeheartedly supports, and reaffirms our belief in, the Rule of Law and the independence of the legal profession and our courts, and we reject efforts to intimidate or sanction lawyers for the advocacy efforts that lawyers have undertaken in fulfilling their sacred professional duties.

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