

# ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION

## NOMINATING PETITION

**Deadline: August 4, 2023**

**Alaska Bar Association Board of Governors;  
ALSC Board of Directors; ABA Delegate**

We, the undersigned, nominate (name of nominee): Diana Wildland  
to serve as:

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

☐ 1<sup>st</sup> ☒ 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> ☐ 3<sup>rd</sup> ☐ At large

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

☐ **American Bar Association Delegate** for the following seat:

☐ Regular ☐ Young Lawyer Delegate

Erin M. Bartenstein  
(Signature of Nominator)

Erin M. Bartenstein  
(Print Name)

Patrick Roach  
(Signature of Nominator)

Patrick Roach  
(Print Name)

Justin Racette  
(Signature of Nominator)

Justin Racette  
(Print Name)

I hereby consent to the above nomination.

Diana Wildland  
(Signature of Nominee)

Diana Wildland  
(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 received by August 4, 2023.**

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## DIANA WILDLAND

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To the attorneys of the Fourth and Second Judicial Districts,

I am running again to serve as your representative to the Alaska Bar Association's Board of Governors.

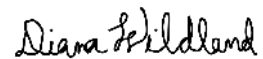
After being appointed as New Lawyer Liaison to the board (2017-2020), I was elected by you to represent the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Districts as a voting member. Since my election, I have served on the board in a variety of capacities: Secretary (2020-21), President-Elect (2021-22), and I am currently serving a term as board President (2022-23).

During my time with the Board, the Bar Association has experienced several major changes: we have developed a plan to improve the racial and ethnic diversity of the bar through our partnership with the bar's Diversity Commission; strategized to expand accessibility and to accommodate administration of the bar exam during the pandemic; purchased and learned to manage the building in Anchorage where the Bar Association office is housed; and undergone the process of developing and implementing a strategic plan to ensure that our bar association continues to meet the objectives in our mission statement. Each of these issues involved a great deal of collaboration among all board members, and I have been grateful to have a seat at the table.

As a younger attorney, as a public defender, and now as a mother of two young children, I have a personal interest in ensuring that our bar association continues to improve accessibility for people from a broad intersection of backgrounds. In the time that I have served on the board, my objective has been (and remains) that our bar promote access to justice. The success I am most proud of in my time on the board has been the recommendation of the Board (later adopted by the Alaska Supreme Court) to reduce the bar exam cut score to bring it more in-line with other jurisdictions. This, in combination with Alaska Legal Service's initiative to allow non-lawyer advocates to assist people with more routine legal cases under the supervision of a barred attorney, will greatly improve our bar's ability to serve all Alaskans.

If elected to serve another three-year term, I will continue to dedicate my energy toward promoting this and other aspects of the Board's strategic plan. Over the next several years, our board will be exploring more creative solutions to promote access to justice, including the possibility of having a law school in Alaska. I believe that the board's work is critical to promoting the regulation of law in Alaska, and I look forward to continuing to serve as your representative in this capacity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana Wildland". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Diana" and last name "Wildland" clearly legible.

Diana Wildland

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Alaska Bar Association Board of Governors**

*Board Member*

**Fairbanks, AK**

2018 – present

- Appointed as **New Lawyer Liaison** to the Board, 2018-2020
- Elected as **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Representative**, 2020-2023
- Served as **Secretary**, 2020-21
- Served as **President Elect**, 2021-22
- Served as **Board President**, 2022-23
- Participated in sub-committees, including:
  - Bar Exam Cut Score Committee, 2019
  - Board's Diversity Statement Subcommittee, 2022-23
  - MCLE subcommittee, 2022-23
  - Keynote Speaker Subcommittee, 2021-23
  - Character and Fitness Subcommittee, 2022
  - Governance Subcommittee, 2022-23

### **Alaska Public Defender Agency**

*Assistant Public Defender*

**Fairbanks, AK**

August 2017 – present

*Supervising Attorney for Fairbanks Civil Section*

October 2021 – present

- Litigating primarily Child In Need of Aid, Delinquency, and Therapeutic Court cases, with some adult criminal cases (both misdemeanor and felony)
- Participated in the National Counsel of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Fairbanks stakeholder work-group

### **University of Oregon Student Bar Association**

*President (2016-17), Vice President (2015-16)*

**Eugene, OR**

2015 – 2017

### **Molina Law Group, LLC**

*Volunteer, Immigration Law Clinic*

**Springfield, OR**

Jan. – May 2017

### **Lane County Public Defender**

*Student, Criminal Defense Clinic*

**Eugene, OR**

2016 – 2017

### **Justice Daniel E. Winfree, Alaska Supreme Court**

*Summer Legal Intern*

**Fairbanks, AK**

June – August 2016

### **Access the Law**

*Law Clerk*

**Eugene, OR**

June – August 2015

- Co-managed monthly veteran's free legal clinic and outreach program
- Researched criminal, family law, and animal law issues for attorneys at modest means non-profit law firm

### **Alaska Public Defender Agency**

*Investigator Intern*

**Fairbanks, AK**

June – Sept. 2012

- Assisted in investigations of felony and misdemeanor offenses

## EDUCATION

### **University of Oregon School of Law**

*Juris Doctor*

- Earned academic certificates in International Law and Public Interest Law
- Awarded University of Oregon Pro Bono Certificate for volunteer service

**Eugene, OR**

May 2017

### **University of Oregon**

*Bachelor of Arts* with honors in Literature, Romance Languages, and Russian

**Eugene, OR**

December 2013

## LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND AFFILIATIONS

**Alaska Bar Association** (Licensed Attorney, Active Status)

Admitted December 2017

**Washington Bar Association** (Licensed Attorney, Inactive Status)

Admitted November 2017

**Alaska Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers**

Member Since 2018

**National Association of Public Defenders**

Member Since 2017

**Mental Health First Aid (Youth and Adult)** (Certificate Earned)  
Certified by the National Council for Behavioral Health

Certified March 2018, July 2023

**Fairbanks Activist Forum**, Board Member

2018-2019

## PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

**Fairbanks Public Defense and Opioid Treatment (Fairbanks, AK)**

Presented to the Fairbanks Opioid Work Group

June 27, 2018

**Parents' Counsel in Child In Need of Aid Cases (Fairbanks, AK)**

Presented by the Alaska Court System and National Counsel for  
Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Fairbanks stakeholder workgroup

April 29, 2022

**"It's Time for Alaska to Lower Our Bar-Exam Cut Score"**

Alaska Bar Rag, published by the Alaska Bar Association

October-December 2022 edition

**"Conditions for Lawyers and Their Families Are Improving"**

Alaska Bar Rag, published by the Alaska Bar Association

January-March 2023 edition

**"Board Proposes Mandatory CLE Requirements"**

Alaska Bar Rag, published by the Alaska Bar Association

April-July 2023 edition