

Candidate Statements

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March 1, 2013

Deborah O'Regan
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Re: Letter of Candidacy for Board of Governors

Dear Ms. O'Regan:

I write to provide my letter of candidacy for the Alaska Bar Association Board of Governors. I was appointed to the Alaska Board of Governors, Third Judicial District in August 2012 to fill the spot vacated by Peter Maassen. As I indicated in my original application, I believe that as a lawyer in Alaska it is essential to assist the Bar Association in its operation and governance of the members. One of my goals is to encourage professionalism in the Bar and ensure that new and old members alike continue to provide the highest quality legal services possible. After 20 years in practice and many trials all over the state, I believe I have the insight and experience to assist the Board in its governance of the members. I have enjoyed my very brief stint on the Board and hope that the membership will allow me to continue as a Board member for the next few years. For those of you who do not know my background, I provide an excerpt of my resume below.

Laura L. Farley, lfarley@farleygraves.com, born in Redwood City, California, May 23, 1964; admitted the Alaska State Bar and licensed to practice in Alaska's state and federal district court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals since 1992. Admitted to practice with the Supreme Court of the United States on June 4, 2007. **Education:** Whitman College (B.A. Political Science 1986); University of Puget Sound (J.D., cum laude, 1992). **Co-Author:** "Blowing Hot & Cold on the Frozen Tundra: A Review of Alaska's Quasi-Estoppel Doctrine," XV Alaska Law Review 281 (1998). **Co-author:** "Walt-zing Through An Employment Termination: Is There A Duty To Investigate Before Discharging In Alaska?" XI Alaska Law Review 231 (1994). **Experience:** 2003 to present; founder of Farley & Graves, P.C. Practice areas include insurance defense, insurance coverage, employment law, and maritime law. 1994-2003; Managing Partner of Anchorage office of LeGros, Buchanan & Paul, P.C. 1992-1994; Associate at Bliss Riordan. Litigation experience includes over 30 jury trials in both State and Federal Court, including various locations around the state (Anchorage, Palmer, Fairbanks, Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau, and Kodiak). **Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association; Arbitrator for the Alaska Bar Association Fee Arbitration Committee; Alaska State Representative for Defense Research Institute (DRI) 2002-2004; Defense Counsel of Alaska; Marine Insurance Association of Seattle; Associate Member

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of American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA); President, Alaska Chapter of ABOTA 2009 – 2010. Listed in Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition, September/October 2010 for Civil Litigation Defense and Business Edition 2012. Listed in 2011 and 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the specialty of Insurance Law. Selected as one of the Top 100 Litigation lawyers in the State of Alaska for 2013 by the American Society of Legal Advocates.

Also attached is my Nominating Petition.

Regards,

FARLEY & GRAVES, P.C.

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Ms. Deborah O'Regan, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. O'Regan:

Please accept this letter in support of my candidacy for an open position with the Alaska Board of Governors representing the Third Judicial District. Enclosed is my signed nomination form.

I have been a member of the Board for the last three years and wish to continue serving in that capacity. The Board faced many challenges over the last few years, none the least of which included discussions regarding dues increases and relocation of the Bar offices. I believe that experience and knowledge will serve as an asset in assisting the Board in its future endeavors.

I have worked in the public sector at both the federal and state level and have been in private practice for over a decade. This background is consistent with the majority of Bar members who work in small private offices or in government, and these are the individuals who will be most significantly affected by the decisions of the Board -- whether through recurring disputes involving dues or CLE requirements, licensing requirements or expectations, or disciplinary matters.

I have been an active Bar member throughout my career, including previous service on the Board, presenting at CLEs, and being a member of the Disciplinary Committee. These perspectives of the realities of the practice of law in the public and private sector, as well as a familiarity with how the Bar functions, make me well suited to continue as a member of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my nomination. I welcome the opportunity to assist in maintaining an independent and active Bar Association.

Cordially,

Mike Moberly

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Dear Colleagues:

I'm sure that practicing law elsewhere has its rewards, but I consider myself lucky to have stumbled onto a place that allows me to live and work with people I respect and enjoy. This was important to me when I started practicing law and it is important to me now.

My commitment to the Alaska Bar Association has existed throughout my career. I've served on the Bar Examiners Committee, the Civil Rules Committee, the Fee Arbitration and Area Discipline Panels and the Ethics Committee, which I chaired for four years. I have also gotten a lot of satisfaction from volunteering as a tutor for bar applicants. Although I can't say that I have an unbroken string of successes, my track record is pretty good, and there are approximately a dozen lawyers practicing in Alaska who passed the bar with my assistance. I am proud of that.

It has been a privilege to serve on the Board of Governors since October, when I was appointed to fill one of the vacancies on the Board. I would like to continue my service and am running for one of the currently available seats. I hope to give back to my professional community some of the support and generosity of spirit that I have so often received.

I believe in a strong and responsive Bar Association that is committed to ensuring access to the legal system for all who need it. I expect to continue with that commitment. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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To: Members, Alaska Bar Association

Re: Statement of Candidacy (Third Judicial District)

Dear Colleagues:

I would appreciate your vote for membership on the Board of Governors representing the Third Judicial District.

My “platform” is simply to help insure that our Bar Association continues to emphasize and build upon its key roles and services: Admissions and Licensure, Ethics and Discipline, Continuing Legal Education, and Member Services. Over the past 30 years, our association has grown tremendously along with Alaska’s economy and population. With that growth, our Board has faced, and will continue to face, many financial and practical challenges to delivering these key services in an effective and even-handed fashion.

Our Association’s leadership must never lose touch with what’s most important and beneficial for its members and stakeholders. The Board of Governors must maintain annual and long-term goals that are entirely consistent with its fundamental responsibilities to the public and to our membership.

A native of Alaska, I’ve been practicing law in our state for a long time, including court work in each judicial district. Today, I’m a sole practitioner who is also a mediator and arbitrator. In past years, I served as General Counsel for the Alaska Railroad Corporation; Chief Assistant Attorney General for the Fourth and Second Judicial Districts; Assistant General Counsel with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, and Assistant Public Defender. Other service includes participation on the Law Examiner, Area Discipline, and Fee Arbitration Committees with our Bar Association and Chair of the Alaska Public Offices Commission.

Thank you for your vote!

Larry D. Wood