

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS
Alaska State Legislature

THE ADVISOR

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Committee Members: Chair Herman G. Walker, Jr., Senator Ben Stevens, Senator Hollis French, Representative Bruce Weyhrauch, Representative Max Gruenberg, Dennis “Skip” Cook, Ann Rabinowitz, Marianne Stillner and H. Conner Thomas.

Alternate Legislative Members: Senator Ralph Seekins, Senator Bettye Davis, Representative John Harris, and Representative Les Gara.

Staff: Joyce Anderson **Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: “Knowledge is the key to ethical behavior.” Plato

PUBLIC MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS

All public members serve a three-year term. Public members Dennis “Skip” Cook, Marianne Stillner and Herman G. Walker Jr. terms expire in 2006. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Alexander Bryner, selects public members. The Senate and House Judiciary Committees hold confirmation hearings. The appointments must be ratified by two-thirds of the full membership of both houses. A joint session is not required.

The ethics web site has a new section titled “Public Member Appointments and Vacancies.”

- The site lists which members terms will be expiring, the qualifications for consideration to be a member, and general information about the committee.
- Anyone interested in serving on the ethics committee should send a letter of interest along with a resume to Chief Justice Alexander Bryner, Alaska Supreme Court, 303 K Street, Anchorage AK 99501-2084. The letter must include political party affiliation as noted on the voter registration files with the Alaska Division of Elections.
- Legislators may wish to post this information in their legislative offices. (Note: Attached to this email is the Word document.)



Have a wonderful HOLIDAY SEASON!!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

2006 ETHICS TRAINING

WHEN: Friday, January 6, 2006

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

WHERE: Fahrenkamp and Butrovich Rooms

The revised Standards of Conduct Handbook with updated sections reflecting legislative changes will be distributed. A straightforward training handout (with pictures) will also be available and referenced during training.

The training will include a special focus on campaign issues that arise during a campaign year and AS 24.60.030(i) legislative contact with a hearing officer.

If you have ethical questions that you wish to have addressed at training, please give me a call at 269-0150 or send an email. Your name will not be mentioned at the training class.

We encourage both new and returning employees to attend.

Remember, in the case of ethics, what you don't know can hurt you!

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