

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The staff of the *Alaska Law Review* is pleased to present our December 2007 issue. We are our proud to be publishing these six pieces, which we hope will be of both academic and practical interest to varied sectors of the Alaska legal community. The Article by Julie Lurman and Sanford P. Rabinowitch argues that Alaska's Intensive Management statute is preempted by federal law and its mandate cannot legally be implemented on National Park Service lands. Next, the Article by Angela Greene addresses the dilemma faced by non-offending parents in child custody cases and argues for the adoption of laws that better protect the interests of non-offending parents. Through an examination of corporate and trust law, as well as an in depth look at Alaska Native Corporations and the Bishop Estate, Douglas M. Branson, in his Article, explores the question of whether the choice of legal form still matters. The Comment by Beth Goldstein Lewis Trimmer reviews the definition of "sexual relationship" within the context of Alaska's domestic violence laws and argues that the Alaska Legislature should take steps to better define the term. Richard Allen, in his Note, addresses the repercussions of the holding in *Cooper v. District Court* for the Office of Victims' Rights, considers several possible roles for the Office that are still legal after that ruling, and ultimately concludes that the Alaska Legislature should take steps to better clarify the Office's role in defending victims' rights. Finally, the Note by Brianne Schwanitz addresses Alaska's mixed-motive jurisprudence and argues that the Alaska Supreme Court should take steps to resolve ambiguity within its own case law.

The *Alaska Law Review* continues to attract very dedicated and talented students. I am proud to work with such an exceptional group of people and their hard work and dedication merit special recognition. I would also like to extend a special thank you to the many members of the Alaska Bar who hosted or met with us during our annual visit in March. We greatly enjoyed meeting with members of such an exceptionally diverse legal community and having the opportunity to explore many of the wonders Alaska has to offer. Your kindness and generosity are appreciated.

We hope that the pieces in this Issue will spark debate within the legal community, and as always we encourage members of the Alaska Bar to submit responses, articles, and comments for

publication. We also encourage feedback or questions regarding the journal. For details regarding manuscript submission and selection criteria, please visit our website at <http://www.law.duke.edu/journals/alr>. We can always be reached via email at alr@law.duke.edu.

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