NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The staff of the *Alaska Law Review* is pleased to present our December 2006 issue. The five pieces in this issue reflect our continuing commitment to providing scholarship of practical and academic import to the Alaska legal community. The Article by James Fayette provides a practitioner-oriented overview of self-defense law in Alaska. The Note by Shardul Desai examines pretextual searches and seizures under Alaska law, and determines the legality of such searches should be judged by an objective standard. Next, Mike Murphy's Note determines that Alaska Native Corporations are largely exempt from the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, but urges Native Corporations to adjust their internal best practices to mirror the requirements of the Act. The following Note by Christopher Murray examines the validity of Alaska's felon disenfranchisement laws under the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Finally, Jenny Yang's Note examines the laws granting special government contracting privileges to Alaska Native Corporations, the costs and benefits of those privileges, and some suggestions for reform.

Year after year, the *Alaska Law Review* attracts dedicated and talented students. This year is no exception, and I am proud and pleased to work with such an exceptional group. I would also like to thank the many members of the Alaska Bar who hosted or met with us during our annual visit last March. We greatly enjoyed our exploration of Alaska and its wonderfully diverse legal community. Your kindness and generosity are appreciated.

As always, we encourage members of the Alaska Bar to submit responses, articles, and comments for publication, or to contact us with 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 be reached via email at alr@law.duke.edu.

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