

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The editorial staff of the *Alaska Law Review* is pleased to present our June 2010 Issue. The following pieces present in-depth analysis on a broad range of issues currently affecting the Alaska legal community. We selected two articles, one comment, and three notes for publication, and we hope that they will be of interest to our readers.

The first article, written by Kim Vu-Dinh, critiques the current power of attorney law in Alaska, looking to nationwide reforms to determine how to best protect Alaskan elders. The second article, written by Julie Lurman Joly, argues that attempts made by Alaska to implement various regulations on National Wildlife Refuge System lands should be preempted by federal law.

The comment, written by Jack B. McGee, provides a detailed analysis of the case of *Carpenter v. Westwood One* before the Alaska Supreme Court, examining the court's analysis of speech protected from defamation and IIED actions by the First Amendment.

The first note, by John J. Gochmour, focuses on hearsay statements in child sexual abuse cases and suggests implementing a consistent hearsay exception into the Alaska Rules of Evidence for child-hearsay statements based on the "first complaint" rule. The second note, by Alexander Sadighi, analyzes the current state of health care in Alaska, investigating methods by which the state can expand health care to cover as many children as possible statewide. The final note, written by Maggie Kuhn, addresses the plausibility of using the Endangered Species Act to combat greenhouse gas emissions, focusing on the effects of climate change on the polar bear.

We invite our readers to visit our website (www.law.duke.edu/journals/alr) to access both the current Issue and archived Issues in electronic form. We also encourage readers to view the 2009 Year-in-Review, a summary of pertinent Alaska cases available in electronic form on our website. We hope that the articles, comment, and notes in this Issue will encourage reflection and debate in the legal community. As always, we welcome feedback and suggestions regarding the journal.

The *Alaska Law Review* is comprised of an extremely talented group of student editors, and it has been a pleasure working with them over the past two years. Finally, I would like to thank my parents for providing constant inspiration, love, and support through all of my academic endeavors.

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