

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The *Alaska Law Review* is pleased to present our June 2016 issue, the first in our thirty-third volume. I am proud as both an Alaskan and as editor-in-chief of this journal to share the following three articles and three Duke Law student notes with you. The pieces cover important topics in the modern Alaskan legal system, including the future of offshore oil and gas leasing, sustainable development, and firearm regulation in the state.

Our first featured article recommends improvements to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's offshore oil and gas planning, leasing, and exploration plan review processes. *Next Steps to Reform the Regulations Governing Offshore Oil and Gas Planning and Leasing* by Andrew Hartsig, Michael Levine, Jayni Foley Hein, and Jason Schwartz builds upon a previous 2014 article that identified the need for the modernization of oil and gas regulations on the Outer Continental Shelf. Mr. Hartsig is director of the Arctic Program at the Ocean Conservancy, a nonprofit marine conservation organization; Mr. Levine is Pacific Senior Counsel for Oceana, an international nonprofit organization dedicated to maintaining and restoring ocean ecosystems; Ms. Hein is the policy director at the Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU School of Law; and Mr. Schwartz is an adjunct professor and legal director at the Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU School of Law.

In our second article, *Sustainable Development, Natural Resource Extraction, and the Arctic: The Road Ahead*, Dr. Edward Canuel analyses the complexities of understanding sustainable development and suggests a framework to assist stakeholders in navigating the socio-economic and legal hurdles associated with Arctic development. Dr. Canuel is a U.S. Foreign Service Officer and is an Adjunct Professor at American University. He received his J.D. from Boston College, a Master of Laws from Osgoode Hall, and a Ph.D. in international private law from the University of Oslo.

Our third article, *Enjoying Katmai* by John Copeland Nagle, provides a historical overview of Katmai, from its great volcanic creation in the twentieth century to the congressional establishment of Katmai National Park and Preserve. It addresses the National Park Service's responsibility under the Organic Act to facilitate both conservation and enjoyment of the land. Mr. Nagle is the John N. Matthews Professor of Law at Notre Dame Law School. He received his J.D. from the

University of Michigan Law School and served as a law clerk to Judge Deanell Reece Tacha of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Our first student note, *Cutting Down Damages Awards in Timber Trespass Cases*, by Dana M. Diehr, gives a practical explanation of the method Alaska courts use to determine timber trespass damages. The note recommends the adoption of an approach that would better allow plaintiffs to pursue the cost of restoring the lost trees instead of fair market damages. Ms. Diehr is a 2016 J.D. and M.A. of Art History graduate of Duke Law School.

Our second student note, by John Hill, is *North to the Future of the Right to Bear Arms: Analyzing the Alaska Firearms Freedom Act and Applying Firearm Localism to Alaska*. This note examines the AFFA's nullification of federal regulation over firearms manufactured and remaining in Alaska. It then explores how the Second Amendment may be interpreted to allow for locally distinct gun laws and creates a test that clarifies ambiguous Supreme Court precedent and determines when such protection should apply. Mr. Hill is a 2016 graduate of Duke Law School.

Last in the issue is my student note, *Impossible to Forget: Maness v. Gordon and Alaska's Response to the Repressed Memory Controversy*. This note summarizes the psychological research behind repressed memory syndrome and analyses Alaska's approach to the phenomenon's legal repercussions in comparison to other methods nationwide.

In closing, the *Alaska Law Review* editorial board hopes you find this issue informative, thought-provoking, and enjoyable. We here at Duke Law School are honored to edit and review the articles submitted to us and work hard to show our gratitude for the privilege of publishing Alaska's law journal. I invite and encourage readers to submit responses, reactions, and further insights on any of the topics discussed within. We strive to provide a forum through which the community can publish diverse views and solutions to Alaskan legal issues.

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