

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The *Alaska Law Review* is pleased to publish our June 2024 issue. The editorial staff of the journal did not build this issue from the ground up. In the decades since first publishing, many lawyers, scholars, and great minds built the sturdy foundation on which our work rests. This year, as every year, the senior editorial staff of the *Alaska Law Reviews* met and talked with many of those people while in Anchorage and Juneau in the fall and spring, respectively. The openness of the Alaska community and the willingness to share the state with us makes this journal possible. For those people, always, we publish.

This issue features two articles, a practitioner guide, a student note, and a student case comment.

In our lead article, *Blight Made Right: Defects in State Condemnation Laws and a Roadmap for Reform in Alaska and Beyond*, Sam Spiegelman explains the current state of condemnation laws across the country and proposes a new definition for “blight” for the state of Alaska.

Sam Turner authored “*Still Broken*”: *Alaska Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(f) and (g)’s Insufficient Response to Workplace Harassment*, an article that addresses the successes and shortcomings in Alaska’s novel approach to disciplining attorney harassment under the state’s rules of professional conduct.

Gloria R. Jacobsen of the Mitchell Hamline School of Law wrote a practitioner guide to the current land-into-trust process playing out in Alaska. Her guide surveys the state of the law in that area to provide relevant legal context for practitioners engaging on related issues.

A student note by *Alaska Law Review* Staff Editor Sarah Edwards covers the use and regulation of facial recognition artificial intelligence in Alaska. Her note, *Facial Recognition AI: Alaska Is an Ideal Forum for Introducing Regulation*, addresses the challenges of regulating a still-developing technology and Alaska’s options going forward.

The final piece of the issue is a case comment written by *Alaska Review* Executive Development Editor Connor Sakati and Staff Editor Allyson Barkley. *Kohlhaas v. State: Encouraging Democratic Reform Through Constitutional Flexibility* analyzes the Alaska Supreme Court’s recent decision upholding ranked choice voting for state-wide elections.

This issue of the *Alaska Law Review*, in addition to each of our previous issues, is available on our website, [alr.law.duke.edu](http://alr.law.duke.edu). There, anyone can access PDFs of our volumes, which are easily printable and

searchable. Our website also houses our “Year-in-Reviews,” summaries of important cases decided by the Alaska Court of Appeals, the Alaska Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court of Alaska, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit each year. We welcome your comments, responses, and feedback at [alr@law.duke.edu](mailto:alr@law.duke.edu).

I am grateful and proud for the opportunity to publish this wonderful collection of scholarship. Our work would not be possible without the support of the Alaska Bar Association and the Duke University School of Law. Once more, north to the future.

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Editor in Chief, 2023–24*