NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The editorial staff of the Alaska Law Review is pleased to present our December 2008 issue. We selected two articles, one comment, and two notes for publication, and we hope these pieces will interest our readers.

The first article, written by Daniel L. Cheyette, discusses the parameters of corporate criminal liability under Alaska law and outlines arguments for prosecuting organizations. The second article, written by Gregory R. Henrikson, reviews Alaska standards for admitting expert testimony and advocates a return to an approach established by early Alaska courts, an approach he argues was more coherent than either the current federal or Alaska approaches. Douglas Hutchinson’s comment examines Marsingill v. O’Malley and critiques its implications for informed consent and physicians’ duty to disclose in Alaska. The first note, written by Lisa Bolotin, considers Alaska’s rebuttable presumption against awarding custody to perpetrators of domestic violence and explores both the historical context of such presumptions and the strengths and weaknesses of Alaska’s statute. The second note examines Alaska Right to Life Political Action Committee v. Feldman and discusses the use of judicial questionnaires in Alaska and their effect on Alaska’s judicial independence.

We invite our readers to visit our Online Articles Forum early next year to read an additional article, written by James Fayette, that will survey Alaska criminal discovery procedure.

Finally, we would like to note that Alaskans recently defeated the Clean Water Act, a ballot measure widely viewed as a referendum on the Pebble Mine proposal for southwestern Alaska. Our June 2008 issue included an article about the Pebble Mine proposal and, as a reader pointed out, that article’s biographical information for co-author Geoffrey Y. Parker did not reference his work as counsel for Trout Unlimited, Inc., an organization that supported the Clean Water Act.

The Alaska Law Review continues to attract a talented group of student editors dedicated to publishing a high-quality legal journal. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to work with these exceptional individuals. Serving on this journal has been a fascinating introduction to Alaska law, and I look forward to the remainder of the year.

As always, we welcome feedback and suggestions.

Kelly Taylor