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Council Action: Approved: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denied: <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Action: 11/25/19
Verified by: <i>[Signature]</i>

CITY COUNCIL ACTION MEMORANDUM

AM No. 19-52: Confirmation Of Mary Shampine And Kristin Shea To The Parks And Recreation Commission; Charles Morris, To The Airport Advisory Commission; Eric Bushnell And Simon Brown, To The Planning Commission; And, The Levesque Law Group, LLC., And The Alaska State Office Of Administrative Hearings As City Of Wasilla Administrative Hearing Officers.

Originator: Mayor Bert L. Cottle
Date: 11/6/2019

Agenda of: 11/25/2019

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Public Works Director	<i>[Signature]</i>	11/6/19
X	Recreation Services Director	<i>[Signature]</i>	11/6/19
X	Finance Director	<i>[Signature]</i>	11-4-19
X	Deputy Administrator	<i>[Signature]</i>	11/16/19
X	City Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>	11/7/19

Reviewed by Mayor Bert L. Cottle: *[Signature]* 11/15/2019

Fiscal Impact: yes or no **Funds Available:** yes or no

Attachments: Completed applications for Mary Shampine (3 pages), Kristin Shea (2 pages), Charles Morris (2 pages), Eric Bushnell (2 pages), Simon Brown (2 pages), the Levesque Law Group (13 pages), and the Alaska State Office of Administrative Hearings (5 pages).

Summary Statement Mayor Cottle requests the appointments of the following Commissioners; please confirm the appointments pursuant to Wasilla Municipal Code 2.44.030, as follows:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

- Mary Shampine, Seat A (three-year term to expire December 31, 2022)
- Kristin Shea, Seat C (three-year term to expire December 31, 2022)

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION:

- Charles Morris, Seat B (three-year term to expire December 31, 2022)

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Eric Bushnell, Seat A (three-year term to expire December 31, 2022)
- Simon Brown, Seat D (three-year term to expire December 31, 2022)

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER:

- The Levesque Law Group, LLC (three-year term to expire December 31, 2022)
- The Alaska State Office of Administrative Hearings (three-year term to expire December 31, 2022)

Staff Recommendation: Adopt AM No. 19-52

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A CITY COMMISSION

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Position applying for select one or more of the following:

- Airport Advisory Commission (no residency requirement)
- Planning Commission (City of Wasilla residents only)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (4 City of Wasilla residents, 1 Mat-Su Borough Resident)

NAME: MARY SHAMPINE

MAILING ADDRESS: 301 W. FOOTHILL CIRCLE, WASILLA AK 99654

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 301 W. FOOTHILL CIRCLE, WASILLA AK 99654

E-MAIL: chocolatier@ak.net

Do you regularly check your email? Yes or No

HOME PHONE: 3764268 WORK PHONE: — CELL PHONE: 355-2500

OCCUPATION: STAY HOME MOM

EMPLOYER: NONE

- Do you reside within Wasilla City limits? Yes or No If so, for how long? APPROX. 30 YEARS
- Do you currently own or operate a business in the City of Wasilla? If so, what is the name and physical location of the business? RENTAL - LOCATED AT 300 W. FOOTHILL CIR
WASILLA ALASKA 99654
- Does your schedule permit you to regularly attend required meetings? Yes or No

- Are you currently affiliated with the City of Wasilla in any way? (examples include: contractor, lease holder, employee) if so, please note the capacity: PARKS & REC. COMMISSIONER
- Do you currently have a direct or indirect financial or business interest with the City of Wasilla? If so, please note: NO

Please provide a brief statement describing your experience and involvement in City government that would qualify you for this position. You may submit a resume if you wish.

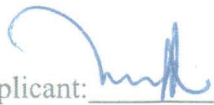
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER

I understand that this is an appointed position to be confirmed by the Wasilla City Council, and requires regular attendance at official meetings. I further understand that this application is public information and the merits of my appointment may be discussed at a public forum. In addition, my name may be published in a newspaper or other media outlet.

If appointed, I understand that I must submit an *Employment Eligibility Verification Form I-9*, along with proper identification; examples include originals of a U.S. passport, a driver's license, social security card, to the Human Resources Division, and also sign an Oath of Office before I can participate in a meeting.

I have read Chapter 2.12 of the Wasilla Municipal Code defining financial interest, substantial financial interest, and conflict of interest. I agree to comply with the code and understand that my tenure as Commissioner requires such compliance.

I certify that the information in this application is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: 

Date: 10/11/2019

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Registered voter of the City: yes ___ no

City Resident: yes ___ no

Date of Council Approval: 11/25/19 AM No.: 14:52

Date Applicant Notified: 11/26/19

Mary Shampine

301 W Foothill Circle, Wasilla, Alaska 99654 | 907-355-2500 | chocolatier@ak.net

10/11/2019

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Office of the City Clerk
290 E Herning Avenue
Wasilla, Alaska 99654

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been serving on the Parks & Rec Commission since our youngest son was a toddler (He is now a senior in high school!). My family has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America for many years. I am a committee member with Troop 368 and my husband is the current Scoutmaster.

So much has happened in our community during those years. The City of Wasilla has grown tremendously, and our parks, playgrounds and campground have expanded also and still have much room for improvements. Some of the improvements could be as easy as online reservations for a pavilion. The campground has been greatly improved but has so much more year-round potential and someday could be a major attraction for the city.

Long term planning, vision and funding are all needed to continue to maintain and expand our recreational opportunities in the City of Wasilla. I hope to be part of the Parks & Rec Commission that can have input and help to move our parks forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mary

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- Planning Commission (City of Wasilla residents only)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (4 City of Wasilla residents, 1 Mat-Su Borough Resident)

NAME: KRISTI SHEA

MAILING ADDRESS: 3830 E Birch View Dr; Wasilla

RESIDENCE ADDRESS:

E-MAIL: sheal028@mtaonline.net

Do you regularly check your email? Yes or No

HOME PHONE: n/a WORK PHONE: CELL PHONE: 315-2424

OCCUPATION: teacher

EMPLOYER: Mat Su School District

- Do you reside within Wasilla City limits? Yes or No If so, for how long? _____
- Do you currently own or operate a business in the City of Wasilla? If so, what is the name and physical location of the business? no
- Does your schedule permit you to regularly attend required meetings? Yes or No

- Are you currently affiliated with the City of Wasilla in any way? (examples include: contractor, lease holder, employee) if so, please note the capacity: no
- Do you currently have a direct or indirect financial or business interest with the City of Wasilla? If so, please note: no

Please provide a brief statement describing your experience and involvement in City government that would qualify you for this position. You may submit a resume if you wish.

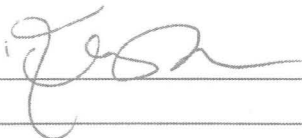
Please See earlier application.

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I have read Chapter 2.12 of the Wasilla Municipal Code defining financial interest, substantial financial interest, and conflict of interest. I agree to comply with the code and understand that my tenure as Commissioner requires such compliance.

I certify that the information in this application is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: 

Date: 10-9-2019

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- Planning Commission (City of Wasilla residents only)
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NAME: CHARLES MORRIS

MAILING ADDRESS: 751 S REEVE CIRCLE

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 751 S REEVE CIRCLE

E-MAIL: arcfox@mtaonline.net

Do you regularly check your email? Yes or No

HOME PHONE: 376-5443 WORK PHONE: 376-5443 CELL PHONE: 355-5443

OCCUPATION: CONSTRUCTION

EMPLOYER: ARCTIC FOX STEEL BUILDINGS

- Do you reside within Wasilla City limits? Yes or No If so, for how long? 42 yr
- Do you currently own or operate a business in the City of Wasilla? If so, what is the name and physical location of the business? No
- Does your schedule permit you to regularly attend required meetings? Yes or No

- Are you currently affiliated with the City of Wasilla in any way? (examples include: contractor, lease holder, employee) if so, please note the capacity: NO
- Do you currently have a direct or indirect financial or business interest with the City of Wasilla? If so, please note: No

Please provide a brief statement describing your experience and involvement in City government that would qualify you for this position. You may submit a resume if you wish.

Currently on the airport advisory board

I understand that this is an appointed position to be confirmed by the Wasilla City Council, and requires regular attendance at official meetings. I further understand that this application is public information and the merits of my appointment may be discussed at a public forum. In addition, my name may be published in a newspaper or other media outlet.

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I have read Chapter 2.12 of the Wasilla Municipal Code defining financial interest, substantial financial interest, and conflict of interest. I agree to comply with the code and understand that my tenure as Commissioner requires such compliance.

I certify that the information in this application is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant:  Date: 9-13-19

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City Resident: ___ yes no
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Date Applicant Notified: 11/26/19

Application for Appointment to a Commission

Applications are Subject to Public Disclosure

Return completed applications to the City Clerk's Office, 290 E Herning Avenue. For information about commissions, visit www.cityofwasilla.com or call 373-9090.

1. What board are you applying for? More than one may be selected.

- Airport Advisory Commission (No Residency Requirement)
- Planning Commission (City of Wasilla Residents Only)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (4 City of Wasilla Residents, 1 Mat-Su Borough Resident)

2. Full Legal Name of Applicant: Eric Michael Bushnell

3. Mailing Address: 580 W. Selina Lane Wasilla AK 99654

4. Residence Address: SAME

5. E-mail Address: bushnell@mtaonline.net Phone: 907-360-7471

6. Employer: Lee Realty LLC Occupation: Broker

7. Are you a resident of the City of Wasilla? Yes No If yes, how long? Since 2006

8. Does your schedule permit you to attend commission meetings regularly? Yes No

9. If you own or operate a business in the City of Wasilla, list the business name and physical location below:

Name: _____ Location: _____

10. If you have a direct or indirect financial or business interest with the City of Wasilla, list the relationship below: (Examples: employee, labor organization, contractor, leaseholder, grantee, grantor, volunteer, etc.)

none

11. Please provide a one-page resume to include education and experience; **or**
12. A brief statement describing your interest in City government, and any relevant experience that would qualify you for the position or that would enhance your commission membership.

on file

13. Certification Statement. I understand that I am applying for an appointed position to be confirmed by the Wasilla City Council. The appointment requires regular attendance at commission meetings. I further understand that this application is subject to public disclosure; my qualifications may be discussed at a public meeting; my application will be included in a public meeting packet; and my name and contact information may be published online and in a newspaper or other media outlet. I have read Chapter 2.12 of the Wasilla Municipal Code defining financial interest, substantial financial interest, and conflict of interest. I agree to comply with the code and understand that my tenure as commissioner requires such compliance. I certify that the information in this application is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant: *Erin B. Lusk*

Date: *10-14-2019*

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RECEIVED OCT 14 2019 Office of the City Clerk City of Wasilla	Resume attached: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date AM Approved: <u><i>11/25/19</i></u>
		Date Applicant Notified of Appointment: <u><i>11/26/19</i></u>
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NAME: SIMON BROWN II

MAILING ADDRESS: 960 Craig Stadler Loop

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 960 Craig Stadler Loop

E-MAIL: simonbii@hotmail.com

Do you regularly check your email? Yes or No

HOME PHONE: 907-376-4395 WORK PHONE: 907-428-6302 CELL PHONE: 907-632-2351

OCCUPATION: Military - Alaska State Defense Force

EMPLOYER: SOA - Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

- Do you reside within Wasilla City limits? Yes or No If so, for how long? 18 yrs
- Do you currently own or operate a business in the City of Wasilla? If so, what is the name and physical location of the business? NO
- Does your schedule permit you to regularly attend required meetings? Yes or No

- Are you currently affiliated with the City of Wasilla in any way? (examples include: contractor, lease holder, employee) if so, please note the capacity: Panning Commission Member
- Do you currently have a direct or indirect financial or business interest with the City of Wasilla? If so, please note: NO

Please provide a brief statement describing your experience and involvement in City government that would qualify you for this position. You may submit a resume if you wish.

I am currently a member of the Wasilla Planning Commission, and the Vice Chair. I believe I have contributed my experience, time, and commitment; in a manner that has resulted in a Planning Commission that is working as a successful professional team.

Additionally, I have used my role as the Commander of the Alaska State Defense Force, to assist the City of Wasilla and the MAT-SU Valley in numerous roles, to build positive community relationships.

I am interested continuing to be a member of the Wasilla Planning Commission

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I certify that the information in this application is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: 

Date: 12 Sept 2019

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LEVESQUE LAW GROUP, LLC

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Joseph N. Levesque
Shane E. Levesque, Of Counsel

3380 C Street, Suite 202
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Phone: (907) 261-8935
Fax: (206) 309-0667
Email: joe@levesquelawgroup.com

October 30, 2019

SENT VIA EMAIL: clerk@ci.wasilla.ak.us

Sarah Stanifer
Wasilla Deputy Clerk
CITY OF WASILLA
290 E. HERNING AVENUE
WASILLA, AK 99654-7091

Re: Legal Services: Administrative Hearing Officer Application

Dear Ms. Stanifer:

Enclosed please find my application for reappointment as an Administrative Hearing Officer for the City of Wasilla. As is reflected on my resume attached, I have more than 24 years' experience providing legal services to Alaskan entities on a wide array of legal issues, including serving as an administrative hearing officer for various administrative agency appeals. I have also attached a List of Municipal Entity cases in which I have been retained as legal counsel, along with a list of issues on which I have advised municipalities in Alaska. You may also visit our website, www.levesquelawgroup.com for additional information concerning our Firm.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to be considered to serve as an Administrative Hearing Officer on behalf of the City. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

LEVESQUE LAW GROUP, LLC



Joseph N. Levesque

Enc.: Application for Appointment as an Administrative Hearing Officer
Resume of Joseph N. Levesque
List of Municipal & Public Entity Representation
List of Issues Which Levesque Law Group Regularly Advises Alaska Municipalities



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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

An Administrative Hearing Officer shall be an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Alaska, or have training and experience in arbitration, mediation, contract law, and Title 7, and 16, and/or Chapter 6.04 of the Wasilla Municipal Code. An administrative hearing officer shall hold no other appointed or elected office or position with the City.

Administrative Hearing Officers are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Applicant names may be published in the newspaper and the merits of the appointment may be discussed during a public forum. **Please return completed applications to the City Clerk.** For detailed information visit the City's website (www.cityofwasilla.com).

NAME: Joseph N. Levesque, Levesque Law Group, LLC

MAILING ADDRESS: 3380 C Street, Suite 202, Anchorage, AK 99503

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 9644 Nulato Circle, Eagle River, AK 99577

E-MAIL: joe@levesquelawgroup.com

Do you regularly check your email? Yes or No

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: 907-261-8931 CELL PHONE: 907-230-8126

OCCUPATION: Lawyer

EMPLOYER: Levesque Law Group, LLC

- Do you reside within Wasilla City limits? Yes or No If so, for how long? _____
- Do you currently own or operate a business in the City of Wasilla? If so, what is the name and physical location of the business? N/A
- Does your schedule permit you to attend required hearings? Yes or No

- Are you currently affiliated with the City of Wasilla in any way? (examples include: contractor, lease holder, employee) if so, please note the capacity: No
- Do you currently have a direct or indirect financial or business interest with the City of Wasilla? If so, please note: No
- Please provide a one-page resume with cover letter to include education and experience that would enhance your application.
- Describe your experience and involvement in city government that would qualify you for this position and examples of your work history dealing with appeals from a planning commission and/or an animal care and regulation appeal; this may be included in your cover letter.

See attached cover letter, resume and list of municipal entity cases

I understand that this is a voluntary, appointed position to be confirmed by the Wasilla City Council. I further understand that this application is public information and the merits of my appointment may be discussed at a public forum. In addition, my name may be published in a newspaper or other media outlet.

I have read Chapter 2.76 of the Wasilla Municipal Code defining conflict of interest and ex parte contacts. I agree to comply with the code and understand that my tenure as an Administrative Hearing Officer requires such compliance.

I certify that the information in this application is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: Joseph H. Louwage Date: 10-29-19

(All information provided on this application is public)

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City Resident: ___ yes no

Resume Attached: yes

Alaska Resident: yes ___ no

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Date Applicant Notified: 11/26/19

JOSEPH N. LEVESQUE

LEVESQUE LAW GROUP, LLC
3380 C STREET, SUITE 202
ANCHORAGE, AK 99503
(907) 261-8931/ FAX: (206) 309-0667
Email: joc@levesquelawgroup.com

Education: Seattle University School of Law, J.D., 1986
University of Alaska, B.A., 1980

Professional Experience:

Levesque Law Goup, LLC
May 2012 – Present
General municipal law, litigation, bond counsel

Walker and Levesque, LLC
December, 2000 – April, 2012
General municipal law, commercial litigation.

Foster Pepper Rubini & Reeves LLC
Of Counsel, 1999-2001
General municipal law, commercial litigation.

North Slope Borough Law Department
Barrow, Alaska
Borough Attorney, 1996-1999
Responsible for all legal issues for the Borough and supervision of Assistant Borough Attorneys and staff.
Assistant Borough Attorney, 1993-1996
Provided legal advice to the Mayor, the Assembly and all assigned departments. Researched, drafted ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations and other legal documentation as requested. Represented the Borough in litigation.

Kenai District Attorney's Office
Kenai, Alaska
Assistant District Attorney, 1990-1993
Responsible for all misdemeanor cases prosecuted on the Kenai Peninsula. Experience in grand jury presentations; prosecution of felony cases; and Children in Need of Aid cases.

United States Magistrate Judge John D. Roberts
Federal Building U.S. Courthouse
Anchorage, Alaska

Judicial Law Clerk, 1989-1990
Researched, drafted memoranda, orders, reports, and recommendations
for federal cases.

Tugman & Clark
Anchorage, Alaska

Associate, 1987-1989
Researched, investigated, and drafted pleadings, motions, and memoranda for
commercial, business and family law cases.

Staley, DeLisio, Cook & Sherry, Inc.
Anchorage, Alaska

Law Clerk, 1986-1987
Researched and drafted pleadings, pre-trial motions and memoranda for civil
cases.

Professional Activities:

Alaska Bar Association – Fee Arbitration/Mediation Committee
Alaska Municipal Attorneys Association
Member, 1993-present
Anchorage Bar Association, Member
Barrow Restoration Advisory Board
Member, 1994-1999
Elmendorf Restoration Advisory Board
Member: 1999-present
National Association of Bond Lawyers
Member, 2004-present

Awards and Recognition: Best Lawyers in America, -- Litigation – Municipal and Municipal Law
(2011 – 2016)

Levesque Law Group, LLC – Tier I Ranking – Municipal Law

Admitted to Practice: Alaska, 1987
Washington, 2001

Personal: Born, Augusta, Maine, raised in Alaska. Married with two children.

Interests: Fishing, reading, hiking, and all outdoor activities.

LEVESQUE LAW GROUP, LLC

Joseph N. Levesque
Shane E. Levesque, Of Counsel

3380 C Street, Suite 202
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Phone: (907) 261-8935
Fax: (206) 309-0667
Website: levesquelawgroup.com

Selected Examples of Municipal and Public Entity Representation

Alaska Gasline Port Authority

Date	Scope of Representation	Contact
2015 to present	General Counsel	Dave Dengel

Aleutians East Borough

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2002	<i>In Re 2001 Redistricting Cases</i>	Legislative redistricting process	Bob Juettner
2005	<i>Aleutians East Borough v. State of Alaska</i>	Environmental contamination prospective purchase agreement	Bob Juettner
2005	<i>Aleutians East Borough v. Peter Pan Seafoods</i>	Condemnation	Bob Juettner
2009	<i>Aleutians East Borough v. Melvin Gillis</i>	Public land lease dispute	Sharon Boyette
2011-2012	Creation of conservation easement	Municipal land use	Rick Gifford
2012	<i>Aleutians East Borough v. Bureau of Indian Affairs</i>	Land dispute	Rick Gifford
2012	<i>Aleutians East Borough v. Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association</i>	Insurance coverage dispute	Stanley Mack
2012	<i>In Re 2011 Redistricting Cases</i>	Legislative redistricting process	Rick Gifford
2013-2014	Creation of borough land use permitting ordinances and enforcement procedures.	Municipal land use and zoning	Anne Bailey
2017-2018	Assisted in sale of Hovercraft to foreign entity.	International Sale	Anne Bailey
2001 - present	General legal counsel		Anne Bailey

Bristol Bay Borough

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2012	Appeal to Borough Board of Adjustment	Municipal land use and taxation	John Fulton
2014-2015	Election code revision	Municipal elections law	John Fulton
2014-2015	Alaska uniform citation project	Ordinance enforcement	John Fulton
2015-2016	Personnel Manual review and revision	Personnel	John Fulton
2017	Personnel Action	Personnel	John Fulton
2013 to present	General Legal Counsel		Gregg Brelsford

Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2015 to date	Corporate Counsel		Becky Martello

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City of Adak

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2014	<i>Bond Co-Counsel, Refunding Bond</i>	Municipal Finance	Layton Lockett

City of Galena

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2001	<i>Sweetsir v. City of Galina</i>	Breach of contract	Marvin Yoder

City of Homer

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2005	<i>Cook Inletkeeper v. City of Homer</i>	Land use permit enforcement	Lane Chesley
2008-2011	Planning & Zoning Appeals	Municipal land use and zoning	Walt Wrede
2010	Ethics complaint review	Municipal governance	Walt Wrede
2010	Public records request	Municipal governance	Beth Wythe
2014	Board of Adjustment appeal	Municipal land use and zoning	Jo Johnson

City of Houston

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2012	Ballot proposition review	Municipal elections	Sonya Dukes
2015	Public records request	Municipal governance; public records laws	Sonya Dukes
2015-2016	Code Review, revision, and the drafting of ordinances and resolutions	Administrative Appeals Process; elections; regulation of commercial marijuana	Sonya Dukes
2015-2016	Personnel Policy Manual Review and Revisions	Personnel administration	Sonya Dukes
2016	Memorandum of Understanding with MSB re Automatic Aid for Fire Protection	Fire safety	Sonya Dukes
2017 – present	General legal counsel		Sonya Pevan

City of Kenai

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2009	Referendum	Municipal elections	Carol Freas
2011-2014	<i>Brown v. Personnel Board for the City of Kenai</i>	Public employee discharge	Rick Koch
2011	Board of Adjustment Appeal	Municipal land use and zoning	Rick Koch
2012	Board of Adjustment Appeal	Municipal land use and zoning	Rick Koch
2015	Compliance with Affordable Care Act	Personnel Benefits Administration	Scott Bloom
2015-2016	Board of Adjustment Appeal	Municipal land use and zoning; Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act	Scott Bloom

City of Palmer

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2019	Administrative Hearing – Dog Bite	Dog Bite	Norma Alley

City of Port Lions

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2014	Contract dispute	Public contracts	Kathryn Adkins

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City of Sand Point

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2014	Special counsel to Grievance Committee	Public employment	Andy Varner

City of Seldovia

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2001	<i>City of Seldovia v. Stokes</i>	Condemnation purchase of property	Ronda Haynes
2004	<i>City of Seldovia v. Swanson</i>	Land use; permitting ordinance enforcement	Ronda Haynes
2012	<i>City of Seldovia v. Alaska Coastal Marine, et al</i>	Constitutional claim re: enforceability of municipal fee	Tim Dillon
2015-2016	<i>City of Seldovia v. Precious Earth, Inc., et al.</i>	Land use; prescriptive easement	Tim Dillon / Tod Larson
2014 – present	<i>General legal counsel</i>		Cassidi Cameron

City of Soldotna

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2005	Employee wrongful discharge claim	Public employee; labor law	Teresa Fahning
2009	Arbitration hearing before employee relations board	Public employee; labor law	Teresa Fahning

City of Valdez

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2005	<i>City of Valdez v. Local Boundary Commission</i>	Single-city borough formation	Lisa Von Bargaen
2005-2012	<i>Seahawk Seafoods, Inc. v. City of Valdez</i>	Contract dispute	John Hozey
2010-2011	<i>City of Valdez v. Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association</i>	Insurance coverage dispute	John Hozey
2011	<i>BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc. et al v. State of Alaska</i>	Municipal property taxation	Bill Walker
2017	<i>Municipal Foreclosures</i>	Municipal property taxation	Brian Carlson

City of Wasilla

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2009	Attorney for City, <i>In the Matter of the Appeal of Fred Meyer</i>	Municipal land use and zoning	Kristie Smithers
2013-2014	Hearing Officer, <i>In the Matter of the Appeal of Matanuska Electric Association</i>	Municipal land use and zoning	Kristie Smithers
2015-2016	Hearing Officer, <i>In the Matter of the Appeal of Kopperud</i>	Municipal land use and zoning	Kristie Smithers/ Jamie Newman

Copper River Prince William Sound Marketing Association

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2015 to date	Corporate Counsel		Jeff Bailey

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2006	Opinion re recall petition	Municipal governance; elections	Sherry Biggs
2015	Opinion re recall petition	Municipal governance; elections	Johni Blankenship

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Ketchikan Gateway Borough

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2001	<i>KGB v. Alaska Forest Creations</i>	Municipal finance; loan guarantee	Scott Brandt-Ericksen
2002	<i>In Re Recall of Dorothy Smestad et al</i>	Municipal governance; elections	Scott Brandt-Ericksen

Kodiak Island Borough

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2013-2014	<i>Markham v. Kodiak Island Borough Board of Equalization</i>	Municipal taxation	Bill Roberts
2013-2014	<i>Wren v. Kodiak Island Borough Board of Adjustment</i>	Municipal land use and zoning	Bob Pederson
2014	<i>Kodiak Island Borough v. Brown</i>	Municipal land use and zoning	Bob Pederson
2014	<i>Red Hook Construction, Inc. v. Kodiak Island Borough</i>	Public contracts	Bud Cassidy
2016	<i>ADEC v Kodiak Island Borough, Notice of Violation re Land Fill Incinerator</i>	Environmental issues;	Michael Powers
2017	Review of Contract and issuance of RFP Waste services	Contracts/ Utilities	Michael Powers

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2005	<i>In Re Jean Krause</i>	Municipal governance; public employment; ethics	Teresa Williams
2005-2006	Ethics appeal hearing	Municipal governance	Nick Spiropoulos
2012	Review of historic preservation plan	Municipal land use and zoning	Nick Spiropoulos
2012	Opinion re residency requirements	Municipal governance	Lonnie R. McKechnie
2012	Review of elected official oaths of office	Municipal governance	Brenda Henry
2013	Hearing before the Animal Care and Regulation Board	Municipal animal control; ordinance enforcement	Nick Spiropoulos
2014	Opinion re voting issue	Municipal governance	Nick Spiropoulos

Municipality of Anchorage

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2007	Opinion re: Assembly Term Limits	Municipal governance	Barbara Gruenstein
2008	Ethics appeal	Municipal governance; conflicts of interest	Barbara Gruenstein
2009	Ordinance Review re: Union Contracts	Public employment; union labor law	Barbara Gruenstein & Bill Star
2014	Special Counsel to Anchorage Assembly re special assessment appeal	Municipal land use and zoning; municipal taxation	Barbara Jones & Julia Tucker

North Slope Borough

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
1995	<i>Leavitt v. North Slope Borough</i>	Premise liability slip-and-fall	Greg Olson

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1996	<i>Akootchook et al v. North Slope Borough</i>	Recall election	Benny Nageak
1996	<i>Walther v. North Slope Borough</i>	Civil rights complaint	Greg Olson
1997	<i>Taranto v. North Slope Borough</i>	Defamation claim	Marie Carroll
1997	<i>Horton v. North Slope Borough</i>	Public employee wrongful discharge	Greg Olson
1998	<i>North Slope Borough v. Department of Defense</i>	Iodine-131 human rights	Todd Sherwood
1998	<i>North Slope Borough v. Department of Defense</i>	Borough landfill closure	Todd Sherwood
1999	<i>Malabed v. North Slope Borough</i>	Hiring preference	Benny Nageak
2012-2013	Contract process review	Public contracts	Charlotte Brower
2015-2016	Special Counsel to Ethic Committee	Code Revision	Felipe Farley

City & Borough of Wrangell

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
April, 2019 to present	General Legal Counsel		Lisa Von Bargaen

Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Committee

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2005	<i>PWSRCAC v. EPA</i>	Petition for reconsideration of administrative rulemaking	Donna Schantz
2012 to present	General Counsel	Contract enforcement; interpretation and application of federal Oil Protection Act of 1990.	Donna Schantz
2017-2018	Adjudicatory Hearing re Terminal Contingency Plan	Environmental/ oil spill contingency	Donna Schantz

Other Representation

Date	Matter	Subject	Contact
2001	Municipality of Anchorage, City of Wasilla, City of Palmer, and Matanuska-Susitna Borough Telephone Cooperative tax appeal	Municipal taxation	Jack Snodgrass & Mike Gatti
2005	<i>Stephens v. EPA</i>	Petition for review of administrative rulemaking	Stan Stephens

Municipal Bond Experience

Joseph Levesque has represented the following municipalities as Bond Counsel for various municipal projects and public improvements: Aleutians East Borough, City of Adak, City of Galena, City of King Cove, City of Valdez, City of Sand Point, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Kodiak Island Borough, Matanuska-Susitna Borough – Local Improvement District Special Assessment Bonds.

Presentations

Mr. Levesque has presented to Alaska Municipal Attorneys, Clerks, Finance Directors and newly elected officials on a broad range of topics ranging from Open Meetings Act to Social Media for municipalities.

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List of Issues Which Levesque Law Group Regularly Advises Alaska Municipalities

Following is an example of the various issues that Joseph Levesque has addressed in his representation of Alaska municipalities:

a. Local Government Public Meetings

Joseph Levesque has participated in city council, borough assembly, and other meetings of the public entities that he has represented throughout the 23 years that he has advised municipal clients. Having represented numerous administrations, boards and commissions during public meetings, he has necessarily become deeply familiar with the legislative and quasi-judicial processes of state and local government bodies. Mr. Levesque has a thorough understanding of the Alaska laws that govern such meetings, including the Open Meetings Act. Further, he is comfortable advising such bodies of their rights and obligations during the course of meetings, including the ethical obligations of members of those bodies.

b. Issues Facing Local Government

Joe Levesque has advised local governing bodies on Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) issues, including funding. He has regularly represented municipal clients regarding local tax issues, including municipal ad valorem, telephone co-op, use, sales, severance, and transfer taxes. Further, Mr. Levesque has also assisted municipalities in economic development and revitalization, the creation and financing of critical infrastructure, and the regulation of public utilities.

c. Ordinance drafting

Joe Levesque has drafted, reviewed, edited and enforced hundreds of municipal ordinances and resolutions covering a broad range of municipal topics ranging from municipal bonds to trapping within city limits to common nuisances.

d. Municipal zoning

During his 29 years of legal practice, Joe Levesque has provided legal advice to numerous municipal planning and zoning commissions. He has attended planning & zoning meetings, participated in, or served as Hearing Officer for several appeals from local government planning and zoning decisions. Moreover, he has regularly advised municipal administrations and their staff members regarding initial planning and zoning determinations. In addition, Mr. Levesque has first-hand experience with comprehensive and coastal management planning, including their drafting and enforcement. Finally, he has extensive experience in drafting and reviewing local land use ordinances, the creation and implementation of land use permitting systems, and historic preservation requirements.

e. Ordinance Enforcement

Joe Levesque has prosecuted municipal ordinance violations -- from traffic infractions and animal control violations to violations of zoning ordinances. Recently, Mr. Levesque prosecuted the violation of a local signage ordinance, and a refusal to hook up to municipal water and sewer system. Further, he has overseen the integration of a municipality's ordinances into Alaska's new Uniform Citation System.

f. Municipal Tax

Joe Levesque has substantial experience dealing with municipal tax law and enforcement, regularly deals with issues related to sales tax in the Aleutians East Borough, and has been involved in litigation relating to a number of ad valorem tax issues, including litigation related to the municipal taxation of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Mr. Levesque assisted a number of municipalities relating to a Telephone Cooperative Tax Appeal in 2001. Levesque Law Group regularly assists municipalities with the foreclosure process for delinquent tax payments, advises municipalities regarding tax exemptions, the creation and modification of service areas, severance taxes, and the comprehensive review and revision of municipal tax codes.

g. Public Employment Labor Law

Joe Levesque regularly advises municipal administrations regarding public employment and union employee matters, including employee grievances, collective bargaining, and disciplinary actions. Mr. Levesque has also represented administrations in administrative appeals of personnel actions, and advised local review boards. Mr. Levesque has experience defending municipal departments against allegations involving wrongful termination claims, and recently successfully did so before the Alaska Supreme Court in *Brown v. Personnel Board for the City of Kenai*, 327 P.3d 871 (2014).

h. Municipal Purchasing and Contracts

Mr. Levesque has had substantial experience in negotiating, drafting and enforcing purchasing documents and contracts. Mr. Levesque has also advised municipalities at every stage of their public competitive and negotiated bidding processes, and the laws and other legal considerations that govern them.

i. Police liability

Joe Levesque has prosecuted criminal and quasi-criminal violations. Many such trials and appeals include allegations of police misconduct and requests to inspect police personnel files. Consequently, Mr. Levesque has experience in defending the actions of police departments and individual police officers. He also has experience in analyzing law enforcement policies and procedures related to municipal risk management. It should be noted, however, that most civil actions brought against municipal police are defended under municipal general liability insurance policies.¹

j. Acquisition and Disposition of Public Property

Joe Levesque has assisted municipalities during each stage of the process of acquiring and disposing of municipal property. Not only has his representation included the drafting, review and enforcement of sales agreements, it has also involved the determination of economic benefit, and the purchase and sale of municipal property valued in the millions of dollars.

¹ Mr. Levesque has also on occasion been retained by a municipalities' insurer to represent the City under its liability policy.



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**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS AN
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER**

An Administrative Hearing Officer shall be an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Alaska, or have training and experience in arbitration, mediation, contract law, and Title 7, and 16, and/or Chapter 6.04 of the Wasilla Municipal Code. An administrative hearing officer shall hold no other appointed or elected office or position with the City.

Administrative Hearing Officers are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Applicant names may be published in the newspaper and the merits of the appointment may be discussed during a public forum. **Please return completed applications to the City Clerk.** For detailed information visit the City's website (www.cityofwasilla.com).

NAME: Office of Administrative Hearings

MAILING ADDRESS: 550 W. Seventh Ave., Ste. 1940, Anchorage, 99501

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: n/a

E-MAIL: kathleen.frederick@alaska.gov (on behalf of OAH)

Do you regularly check your email? Yes or No

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: 907 334-2269 CELL PHONE: 907 321-1256

OCCUPATION: Administrative Law Tribunal

EMPLOYER: State of Alaska

- Do you reside within Wasilla City limits? Yes or No If so, for how long? _____
- Do you currently own or operate a business in the City of Wasilla? If so, what is the name and physical location of the business? _____
- Does your schedule permit you to attend required hearings? Yes or No

- Are you currently affiliated with the City of Wasilla in any way? (examples include: contractor, lease holder, employee) if so, please note the capacity: n/a
- Do you currently have a direct or indirect financial or business interest with the City of Wasilla? If so, please note: n/a
- Please provide a **one-page resume with cover letter** to include education and experience that would enhance your application.
- Describe your experience and involvement in city government that would qualify you for this position and examples of your work history dealing with appeals from a planning commission and/or an animal care and regulation appeal; this may be included in your cover letter.

~~The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) is a central panel housed under the State's Department of Administration. It hears approximately 85 different case types referred from state agencies. In addition, OAH hears cases referred by boroughs, municipalities, and school districts through an RSA process. OAH has 10 administrative law judges (ALJs) who would be available for hearing matters; it also has ALJs who serve as mediators, in the event the parties want to settle a case that is in litigation. OAH has performed hearing officer work for: the City of Homer, Fairbanks-Northstar Borough, City and Borough of Juneau, the Mat-Su Borough, Bristol Bay Borough, City of Bethel, City of Palmer, City of Koztobue, and other similar entities.~~

I understand that this is a voluntary, appointed position to be confirmed by the Wasilla City Council. I further understand that this application is public information and the merits of my appointment may be discussed at a public forum. In addition, my name may be published in a newspaper or other media outlet.

I have read Chapter 2.76 of the Wasilla Municipal Code defining conflict of interest and ex parte contacts. I agree to comply with the code and understand that my tenure as an Administrative Hearing Officer requires such compliance.

I certify that the information in this application is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: Kathleen A. Frederick Date: November 1, 2019

(All information provided on this application is public)

Date Received:
(date stamp below)

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Registered voter of the City: yes no

City Resident: yes no

Resume Attached: yes

Alaska Resident: yes no

Date of Council Approval: 11/25/19 AM No.: 19-52

Date Applicant Notified: 11/26/19

OAH'S ADJUDICATORS

Kathleen A. Frederick, Chief Administrative Law Judge. Prior to joining OAH in 2014, ALJ Frederick litigated cases statewide for Alaska's Office of Elder Fraud and Assistance, after spending 27 years in private practice. While in private practice in Juneau, Alaska and in the greater Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area, Chief ALJ Frederick focused on administrative law, real estate, business law, litigation, and employment law. She is AV-rated by Martindale Hubbell. Chief ALJ Frederick is a Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude* graduate of Gettysburg College, has an M.S. *cum laude* from Drexel University, and a J.D. *cum laude* from Villanova University School of Law, where she served as Research/Projects Editor of the *Villanova Law Review*. Chief ALJ Frederick is also on the Alaska Department of Education's Hearing Officer roster for special education hearings.

Cheryl Mandala, Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge. ALJ Mandala joined OAH in 2015 and is based in the Anchorage office. Prior to joining OAH, she was an Assistant Attorney General in the Torts Section of the Alaska Department of Law. She also spent seven years in private practice, where she handled a variety of employment, tort, and administrative matters at the trial and appellate level for clients throughout Alaska. ALJ Mandala graduated *magna cum laude* from Macalester College, holds a master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Minnesota, and graduated Order of the Coif from Stanford Law School. She served as a law clerk for Alaska Supreme Court Justice Alexander Bryner. She assumed the position of Deputy Chief in 2018.

Carmen Clark, Administrative Law Judge. ALJ Clark has had extensive experience in civil and criminal law during her 31 years of trial and appellate practice. Immediately prior to joining OAH, she worked at Ingaldson Fitzgerald (formerly Ingaldson, Maassen & Fitzgerald) where she handled administrative proceedings, tort and property cases, and criminal defense. She has also served as a Magistrate Judge for the Alaska Court system, as Deputy Chief Prosecutor for the Anchorage Prosecutor's office, and as a District Attorney for the State of Alaska. ALJ Clark attended Jacksonville University as an undergraduate and holds a J.D. from the University of Arkansas. ALJ Clark joined OAH's Anchorage office in 2019.

Christopher Kennedy, Tax-Qualified Administrative Law Judge. ALJ Kennedy joined OAH in 2005. He manages the Anchorage office and is a tax-qualified ALJ. Prior to joining OAH, Deputy Chief Kennedy was a Senior Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Law. In his 11 years at the Department of Law, ALJ Kennedy worked in the Environmental, Torts, and Oil, Gas & Mining Sections. He previously served as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge James A. von der Heydt, and spent five years in private practice where he handled energy, procurement, and utilities litigation, corporate restructuring, and commercial transactions. Deputy Chief Kennedy is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Harvard University and a graduate of Berkeley Law, where he served on the *California Law Review*. He served OAH with distinction for fourteen years as its Deputy Chief.

Andrew M. Lebo, Administrative Law Judge. ALJ Lebo joined OAH in 2014 with extensive prior experience as a private hearing officer for special education cases. His background includes 17 years as a solo practitioner, four years as an Assistant Ombudsman for the State of

Alaska, four years as an associate focusing on business and employment litigation, and one year as a Superior Court law clerk. ALJ Lebo is a graduate of the University of California Santa Cruz, has an M.A. from University of California Davis, and a J.D. from King Hall, University of California Davis. He works in the Anchorage office. ALJ Lebo is also on the Alaska Department of Education's Hearing Officer roster for special education hearings.

Lawrence A. Pederson, Administrative Law Judge II. Originally based in Anchorage but now heading OAH's Juneau office, ALJ Pederson joined OAH in 2012 as part of a merger with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services. He had been the senior hearing officer in that office, serving for seven years. Prior to that time, he was in private practice for 22 years, handling a wide range of civil and administrative law matters and appearing in state and federal trial and appellate courts. ALJ Pederson attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks and received his J.D. from Willamette University College of Law.

Johanna Sebold, Administrative Law Judge. ALJ Sebold joined OAH's Juneau office in July of 2018. ALJ Sebold began her legal career in private practice in California for four years, handling employment, workers compensation, and other civil litigation matters. After she moved to Alaska, ALJ Sebold spent fourteen years as an Assistant Attorney General in Juneau, Alaska. She has served on the Board of Governors for the Alaska Bar Association for eight years, was President of the Alaska Bar Association in 2012-2012, was a Girl Scout of America Board Member in 2015-2016, and previously served as Secretary, Treasurer, and eventually President of the Juneau Bar Association. ALJ Sebold attended the University of Oregon and received her J.D. from California Western School of Law, where she was a member of the Advocacy Honors Board, was a founding member of the Public Interest Law Foundation and received the Academic Achievement award.

Neil Slotnick, Tax-Qualified Contract Administrative Law Judge. ALJ Slotnick came to OAH in 2013, after serving for ten years as a Senior Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Law, where he represented the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. Previously, ALJ Slotnick was Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, supervising the Tax and Treasury Divisions. While at OAH, ALJ Slotnick was the lead ALJ in the Juneau office from 2014 until he retired from state service during the summer of 2017. Since December of 2017, ALJ Slotnick has been a contract ALJ for OAH. ALJ Slotnick is a graduate of Reed College and Stanford Law School.

Danika Swanson, Administrative Law Judge. ALJ Swanson joined OAH's Anchorage office in 2019 and transferred to the Juneau office in October of 2019. She attended the University of Wisconsin (Madison), receiving her B.A. degree with high honors. After college, ALJ Swanson Attended New England School of Law where she was the Executive Managing Literary Editor of the Journal of Criminal and Civil Confinement. Following law school, ALJ Swanson moved to Alaska and was a law clerk for Superior Court Judge Michael Wolverton. After her clerkship, she spent approximately 6 years as an attorney with the Alaska Public Defender Agency and then served as a Magistrate Judge for two and a half years before returning to the east coast. After working as a solo practitioner and as a compliance specialist with Tufts University, ALJ Swanson returned to Alaska in 2017. She subsequently spent a year as a staff attorney with the

Alaska Public Defender Agency and then served as an attorney and hearing unit supervisor for the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights before joining OAH.