

Megan J. Costello

BAR MEMBERSHIP: Alaska Bar Association, member #1212141

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE: All Alaska Courts and United States District Court, Alaska

EDUCATION:

Lewis and Clark Law School

Juris Doctorate

Pro Bono Award 2010, 2012; Merit Scholarship Recipient

Portland, OR

May 2012

Bemidji State University

B.S., Environmental Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*

Minor: Applied Public Policy and Environmental Planning

Bemidji, MN

May 2004

EXPERIENCE:

Foghorn Law Office, LLC

Owner/Attorney

Douglas, AK

Dec 2022 to Present

- Provide legal advice and representation to individuals and businesses on a variety of matters including business organization, property disputes, contracts, quiet title matters, minor settlement lawsuit
- Defense of the City and Borough of Juneau in two lawsuits and guidance in a third
- Co-counsel in Alaska Supreme Court appeal on behalf of Municipality of Skagway
- Advice and review of grant agreement and contracts for the City of Kasaan
- Representation of City of Craig in property tax foreclosure process

Hoffman & Blasco, LLC

Associate, Senior Associate/Office Manager

Juneau, AK
Aug 2013-Dec 2018; Dec 2020-Nov 2022

- Civil law practice including contract drafting, business issues, and litigation
- Representation of companies in administrative proceedings and Federal and State court
- Reviewed discovery, responded to discovery requests, drafted written discovery, and took and defended depositions in several civil cases
- Attended National Institute for Trial Advocacy Deposition Skills Program
- Drafted petitions and other documents for filing with the Alaska Worker's Compensation Board, the Alaska Regulatory Commission, and the Office of Administrative Hearings
- Researched legal theories and prepare motions for summary judgment and other motions
- Communicated with clients and prepared case management reports for client review
- Represented clients at eviction hearings and in property tax foreclosure proceedings
- Guidance to municipal clients on all aspects of municipal law including the drafting and review of ordinances, resolutions, requests for proposals, and contracts for communities the firm was municipal attorney for: Wrangell, Skagway, Craig, Thorne Bay, Gustavus
- Addressed unique municipal issues for ongoing municipal clients, and contract clients such as the City of Ketchikan

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- Part of litigation team that represented the City and Borough of Juneau in the defense of a lawsuit by Cruise Lines International Association on cruise ship passenger fees
- Supervised and managed two administrative staff and ran the Juneau office

City and Borough of Juneau

Juneau, AK

Assistant Municipal Attorney and

Dec 2018- Dec 2020

Chief Legal Officer for Bartlett Regional Hospital (BRH)

- Defended CBJ in civil lawsuits, including the preparation of pleadings, appearances at court hearings, negotiations with other parties, and Discovery
- Worked with and acted as liaison with outside counsel in defending medical malpractice claims brought against BRH
- Drafted and reviewed proposed ordinances, resolutions, requests for proposals, and contracts
- Provided legal guidance to BRH on all aspects of health care law including detailed regulatory and state and federal law matters
- Attended and provided legal guidance at BRH Board meetings and Committee meetings
- Prepared proposed annexation petition for the Local Boundary Commission
- Represented the Board of Equalization

Alaska Court System

Dillingham, AK

Dillingham Superior Court

August 2012-July 2013

Judicial Clerk

- Reviewed and provided guidance to assigned judge (and recusal judges as requested) on numerous civil and criminal motions, researched legal theories, and wrote draft orders
- Reviewed administrative records on appeal, researched legal theories, and wrote memorandums and proposed orders on approximately 10 administrative appeals throughout the Third Judicial District
- Tracked motions for Dillingham cases and determine Criminal Rule 45 dates
- Reviewed documents submitted to the Court for compliance with the Alaska Court Rules and drafted non-compliance letters to attorneys as needed

City of Troutdale City Attorney's Office

Troutdale, OR

Certified Law Clerk

May 2011-May 2012

- Screened police reports and negotiated plea agreements with defense attorneys and defendants on all misdemeanor cases that year
- Represented the City at all misdemeanor arraignments, bail hearings, and change of plea hearings
- Acted as first chair for two DUII jury trials, one DUII bench trial and several city ordinance violation and traffic trials
- Prepared motions and represented the City at motion hearings
- Performed legal research and drafted memos on civil issues for the City Attorney

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Municipality of Anchorage
Legal Department-Criminal Division

Anchorage, AK
June 2010-August 2010

Legal Intern

- Screened police reports and prepared files for court hearings, arraignments, change of plea hearings, and misdemeanor trials
- Called and informed crime victims of their rights at upcoming court hearings
- Researched and prepared memos in response to orders from the Court

State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
Preliminary Design and Environmental

Anchorage, AK
April 2005-August 2009

Environmental Analyst I-II

- Prepared National Environmental Policy Act documents for transportation projects
- Prepared applications, obtained permits and approvals, and ensured compliance under Section 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit, Endangered Species Act, Bald Eagle Protection Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Section 4(f) of the Transportation Act, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, NMFS Essential Fish Habitat, Alaska statutes and regulations, and local government ordinances
- Reviewed Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans and conducted site inspections for compliance with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
- Conducted field wetland delineations and prepared wetland reports, functional assessments, and jurisdictional determinations in accordance with the Clean Water Act
- Conducted fish trapping and obtained federal and State permits for work in salmon streams and other fish habitat
- Reviewed and commented on engineering design plans and worked with engineers to design projects within permit requirements
- Coordinated scoping for projects and conducted public and agency meetings
- Conducted construction monitoring of projects to ensure compliance with permits
- Prepared and provided training to contractors and construction staff on compliance with environmental regulations

State of AK Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Health, Drinking Water Program

Juneau, AK
November 2004-April 2005

Environmental Technician

- Reviewed drinking water reports for compliance with federal and State laws
- Provided notice to communities on contaminated systems
- Provided compliance assistance to owners and operators of small public water systems

United States Coast Guard
Facilities Engineering, Environmental Branch

Kodiak, AK
Summers 2001-2003

Office Automation Assistant/Environmental Intern

- Researched Base compliance with Federal and State laws and regulations
- Digitized maps, charts, and drawings
- Tracked asbestos and lead monitoring reports

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OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

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| Andrew Airways, Dispatcher , Kodiak, AK | July 2004-Oct 2004 |
| Deb Shops, Sales Associate , Bemidji, MN | Oct 2003-May 2004 |
| Shoshana's Gym, Assistant Manager , Kodiak, AK | Summers 2000 and 2001 |
| Kodiak Island Borough School District, Teacher's Assistant | Summers 1999 and 2000 |
| The Paper Machine, Sales Associate , Kodiak, AK | Nov 1998-Sept 1999 |
| Eskimo Pie Fish Site, Camp worker at remote set-net site , Uganik Bay, AK | Summer 1998 |
| Kodiak Island Borough, Litter Patrol , Kodiak, AK | Summer 1997 |

INTERESTS: Hiking, berry picking, fishing, photography, cycling, running, camping, traveling, nordic skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, cooking, baking, boating