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Dear Member of the Alaska Bar Association:

I am writing to urge each of you to consider volunteering your time this year to represent a client pro bono. Your help is desperately needed to assure that low income Alaskans have access to high quality legal assistance and representation. Those who have volunteered in the past know that it can be truly a rewarding and valuable experience.

The Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct state that, "[a] lawyer should render public interest legal service." In Alaska we have several different pro bono programs through which an attorney may discharge this responsibility. Most of the programs offer mentoring and training opportunities for attorneys wishing to learn a new area of the law.

Enclosed is a registration card and more detailed information about the programs. I urge you to review the enclosed information, fill out the self-addressed registration card and return it. The information that you provide will be used to match prospective clients with suitable attorneys.

On behalf of all the pro bono programs, I thank you for your support. By participating as a pro bono attorney, you demonstrate the very best in your profession and help make our nation's pledge of "justice for all" a reality.

Very truly yours,

Dana Fabe
Chief Justice
Alaska Supreme Court