

Biography

Date/Place of Birth: August 29, 1954; Anchorage, Alaska

Residency in Alaska: Lifelong; Anchorage: 1954-present

Occupation: Attorney, Construction Worker, Labor Relations

Education: Dimond High School: 1969 – 1972, American Legion School Award; University of Oregon: 1972 – 1976, B.S. Political Science, Phi Beta Kapa, Debate Team; University of Washington Law School: 1976 – 1979, Law Degree; Mensa - Admitted in 1986.

Political and Government Positions: Alaska State Senate: 1993 – present; Alaska State House of Representatives: 1987 – 1992; Co-Chair, Finance Committee: 2001 – present; Vice-Chair, Finance Committee: 1999 – 2000; Vice-Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee: 2001 – present; Judiciary Committee, 1999 – 2000; Legislative Budget & Audit: 2001 – present; World Trade & State/Federal Relations Committee: 2001 – present; 1999 – present; Senate Labor and Commerce Committee, 1999 – 2000; Chair, House Judiciary Committee: 1991 – 1992; Chair, House Labor & Commerce Committee, 1987 – 1991; Co-Chair, Anchorage Caucus: 1997 – 2000; Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee

Business and Professional Positions: Alaska Bar Association: 1979 – present; Former Financial Auditor/Current Member: 1974-present, Construction Laborers 341; Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors: 1998 – 1999.

Service Organizations and Community Involvement: Life Member National Rifle Association; Former Volunteer Fireman; Former Member, Anchorage School District Curriculum Committee; Former Member, Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee; Former Boardmember, Forum 49; Former Member, Spenard Community Council Road Committee; Former Member, Anchorage Waterways Council; Former Co-Chair, Department of Labor Asbestos Task Force; Former Member, Alaska Bar Association Law Related Education Committee; Former Volunteer Judge, Anchorage High School Debate Competition

Awards & Recognitions: Alaska Outdoors Council: 1989, Sportsman Legislator of the Year; NRA Defender of Freedom Award: 1994; NRA Honor Roll: 1995; Mothers Against Drunk Driving Legislative Award: 1992, 1993; Victims for Justice Outstanding Service Award: 1997; Outstanding Victim Advocate of the Year: 1998; Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Award: 1987; Alaska Public Radio Service Award: 1990; National Federation of Independent Businesses Guardian of Small Business Award: 1998, 2000

Special Interests: Hunting, Fishing, Softball, Bicycling, Target Shooting



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