



Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions  
City and Borough of Sitka

Board/Commission/Committee: Police and Fire  
Name: Gregg M. Olson Preferred Phone: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED] Alternate Phone: [REDACTED]  
Email Address: [REDACTED] Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of Residence in Sitka: 3 months Registered to vote in Sitka?  Yes \_\_\_ No  
Employer: Retired

Organizations you belong to or participate in:  
Lions Club International  
N.R.A.  
Alaska Bar Association Lawyer Assistance Committee  
previous 12/2004 - 6/2007  
Sitka Home owner since 12/2004

Explain your main reason for applying:  
To volunteer to community. Have been involved in the Alaska Criminal Justice System since 1975.

What background, experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?  
Police, 19 1/2 year prosecutor, Licensed Alaska attorney since 1989.  
MA Degree UAE, Criminal Justice Admin.

Please disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment. These may include but are not limited to:  
• A substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment.  
• An immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment.  
None

Please attach a letter of interest, outline, or resume which includes your education, work, and volunteer experience that will enhance your membership.

→ (To be considered, your application must be complete AND be accompanied by one of the above supporting documents.)

Date: 11/1/2019 Signature: Gregg M. Olson

Your complete application and resume should be returned to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Please note: all information submitted will be made public and published online. Appointments are normally made during open session of an Assembly meeting, however, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session. In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed?  Yes \_\_\_ No

Return to:  
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk/Records Specialist, 100 Lincoln Street  
Fax: 907-747-7403 Email: melissa.henshaw@cityofsitka.org

Gregg M. Olson



Municipal Clerk's Office  
City and Borough of Sitka  
100 Lincoln St.  
Sitka, AK 99835  
Attn: Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk/Records Specialist

RE: Letter of Interest – Police and Fire Commission

Dear Ms. Henshaw:

The purpose of this letter is to advise of my interest in volunteering my time to the City and Borough of Sitka as a member of the Police and Fire Commission. I recently retired from the State of Alaska as the District Attorney in Fairbanks. Upon retirement I moved back to Sitka where I have owned a home since 2004. I desire to contribute to my community here in Sitka.

I feel that I would bring to the committee an expertise in criminal justice matters. I've work all of my adult life in the criminal justice field, have a JD degree, and have a Master's degree in Justice. I've worked all facets of the justice system including police, prosecution, public defense, and education.

My short time in Sitka (of recent) may cause concern for some; however, I have been a home owner here since December 2004 and chose to return to Sitka upon my retirement to reside here. Public safety, whether it be police or fire, has been a concern of mine that I have directly addressed through employment for almost 45 years. I would like to continue to address public safety issues through volunteer work.

If you have any questions of me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregg M. Olson".

Gregg M. Olson

**GREGGORY M. OLSON**

**E-mail:** [REDACTED]

**EDUCATION**

**MA Degree**, May 2013, Justice Administration, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.  
**JD Degree, Cum Laud**, University of Puget Sound School of Law, Tacoma, WA 1988  
**BA Degree, Magna Cum Laud**, in Sociology with Certificate in Corrections, Seattle University, Seattle, WA 1985

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Instructor**, National Attorney General Training and Research  
**2017 Criminal Justice Professional of the Year**, Fairbanks APOA  
**2015 Prosecutor of the Year**, Alaska Department of Law  
**Associate Editor**, University of Puget Sound School of Law, Law Review  
**Extern**, Judge Eugene Wright, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals – Fall 1987  
**Certified Instructor**, Alaska Police Standards Training Council - Since 1995  
**Valedictorian**, State of Alaska 15<sup>th</sup> Municipal Police Academy - 1979

**RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

**District Attorney**, State of Alaska, Department of Law, Fairbanks, AK. 6/2015 – 4/30/2019 (retired).

Lead and manage office of about 13 prosecutors and 13 support staff prosecuting most of the criminal conduct occurring in the Fairbanks and Utqiagvik regions. Responsible for fostering working relations between the DA's office and other justice agencies. Directly handled multiple homicide cases including prosecuting the killer of a Fairbanks Police Sergeant.

**Assistant Attorney General**, State of Alaska Department of Law, Office of Special Prosecutions, Anchorage, AK. 6/2007 – 6/2015.

Handle serious cases originating in rural communities consisting mostly of murder and sexual assault offenses. Assist in coverage and training in rural district attorney offices. Travel regularly to rural courts to attend hearings. Assigned to conduct criminal reviews of officers use of deadly force and to review and prosecute cases of officers accused of criminal activity. Assigned to review, screen and prosecute other complex criminal cases. Prosecuted and convicted two defendants for killing Alaska law enforcement officers

## **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE (Continued)**

**Assistant District Attorney**, State of Alaska Department of Law, Sitka, AK  
12/2004 to 6/2007

Managed caseload of one attorney office and supervised two support staff. Responsible for the prosecution of all state crimes committed in Sitka, Petersburg, Kake, Angoon and unincorporated areas.

**District Attorney**, State of Alaska Department of Law, Bethel, AK 10/99 –12/04

Supervising Attorney for the Bethel District Attorney's Office. Supervise staff of 5 attorneys, 3 paralegals, 3 secretaries, and one receptionist. Primarily handle the most serious felony crimes in the office. Make screening decisions on all felonies above class B felonies and all pre-indictment felonies. Community liaison for the office and significant involvement with the women's shelter and the child advocacy center.

**Deputy Chief of Police**, North Slope Borough, Barrow, AK 7/98 – 10/99  
(Administrative Commander 11/96 - 7/98, Support Services Commander 6/94 - 11/96)

Second in command of Alaska's third largest police department; responsible for preparation of \$8,000,000 budget; overseeing all grants, contracts, capital projects, and the administrative investigation process; provided initial legal review of legal issues pertaining to the police department; drafted and reviewed policies and procedures for legal consistency; involved in strategic planning for overall department operations. As Administrative Commander, had similar responsibilities. As Support Services Division Commander, I managed the civilian division including the following units: Corrections, Records, Dispatch, Evidence, Maintenance, Budget, Computer Technology, and Communications Technology.

**Adjunct Professor**, Ilisagvik College, Barrow, AK 1994 - 1999

Instruct justice related courses at local community college including Introduction to Justice, Criminology, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Law, Justice and Society, and Corrections.

**Deputy and Assistant Borough Attorney**, North Slope Borough, Barrow, AK  
10/91 -- 6/94

Provided legal representation for Municipal Corporation with primary emphasis in contracts, police, jail, and personnel issues.

**Assistant Public Defender**, State of Alaska Public Defender Agency 8/89 - 10/91

Represented indigent clients charged with felonies or misdemeanors. Handled juvenile delinquency and child in need of aid cases, probation and parole violations, and mental health commitments.

## **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE (Continued)**

**Law Clerk**, for Robert Coats, Judge, Alaska Court of Appeals 8/88 -- 8/89

Conducted research and wrote bench memorandum for Alaska criminal appellate court.

**Security/Counselor**, Second Chance, Seattle, WA 1984-1986

Worked in a security/counselor position at a Washington State halfway house in downtown Seattle, WA. Job duties included monitoring residents, searching residents, ordering U.A.'s, checking on employment and status, attending sanction hearings, and building safety and security.

**Research Assistant**, for Dr. Peter Scharf, Seattle, WA 1983 - 1987

Conducted research and assisted in site evaluations in various projects involving police use of force, police culture, prison education, and landowner's duty to protect.

**Lieutenant**, Bethel Police Department, Bethel, AK 11/80 - 5/82

Managed police and jail personnel in 30-person department. Participated in long range planning for the department and budget preparation. Investigated major felonies. (Juvenile Sergeant 11/80 - 5/81).

**Detective / Sr. Police Officer**, Petersburg Police Department, Petersburg, AK 5/78 - 11/80

Investigated major criminal cases. Conducted routine patrol functions and shift supervision, and served as field training officer.

## **SELECTED TRAINING**

DNA: Witness to the Truth, Columbia, SC 2003

Hitting the Mark: Community Gun Violence Prosecution, Los Angeles, CA 2003

Child Fatality Investigations, Anchorage, AK 2001

56<sup>th</sup> Annual Short Course for Prosecuting Attorneys, Chicago, IL 2001

Prosecuting Rural Domestic Violence, Columbia, SC 2001

Sexual Assault Response Training, Kodiak, AK 2001

Reid Method of Interview and Interrogation, Barrow, AK 1999

96<sup>th</sup> Administrative Officers Course (Deans Scholar), Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville, KY 1996

Jail Design and Review, National Institute of Corrections, 1996

MacInlow Basic and Advanced Supervisors Course, Barrow, AK 1995

Leadership Development Course, National Institute of Corrections, 1995

Instructor Development Course, Robert Sanford & Associates, 40 hours, 1994

Police Labor and Discipline, AELE, Las Vegas, NV 1993

Police Liability, AELE, Las Vegas, NV 1992

Negotiation and Mediation, 80 hours, Antioch University, Seattle, WA 1986

Reality Therapy, Seattle, WA 1985

## **SELECTED TRAINING (Cont.)**

Substance Abuse Counseling I, Petersburg, AK 1983  
Contemporary Problems in Substance Abuse, Petersburg, AK 1983  
Drug Enforcement Administration two week course, Anchorage, AK 1980  
State of Alaska 15<sup>th</sup> Municipal Police Academy, Sitka, AK 1979  
Numerous Legal Seminars

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Alaska Bar Association – Admitted 1989  
Federal District Court for the State of Alaska – Admitted 1992  
Alaska Court Criminal Rule Committee – Since approx. 2003  
Alaska Bar Lawyers Assistance Committee – Since approx. 2000  
National District Attorneys Association  
Southern Police Institute Alumni Association  
Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police  
Alaska Peace Officers Association  
National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA)

## **VOLUNTEER/SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Instructor, National Rifle Association  
Petersburg Elks 1615 – Member since 1980  
Lions Club International – Past President in Barrow and Bethel Clubs

## **REFERENCES**

G. Scott Campbell  
North Slope Borough Chief of Police (Retired)  
[REDACTED]

Thomas Clemons  
Seward Chief of Police and Member of Executive Board IACP  
[REDACTED] (Cell)

Dwayne McConnell  
Former Alaska prosecutor and retired Alaska Superior Court  
Judge  
[REDACTED] (Cell)  
[REDACTED]



## POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

NAME	CONTACT NUMBERS	TERM STARTS	EXPIRES	CATEGORY
LOYD PLATSON 805 Charles Street	747-3636 ext 226 623-7560 lplatson@scpsak.org	9/22/15	9/22/18 10/9/21	CHAIR
JAMES MELLEMA 2304 A Halibut Point Rd	752-0412 nitejazz@mac.com	1/12/16	1/12/19 1/8/22	VICE CHAIR
NEIL AKANA 2220 Sawmill Creek Rd	747-8960 808-960-3238 npakana@hotmail.com	11/8/18	11/8/21	
AUBREY VAUGHAN 315 Seward Street	623-0403 ellenvaughan68@gmail.com	10/11/16	10/11/19	
LORRAINE LIL 105 Austin Street	738-1350 c 747-3309 committeework@outlook.com	6/13/17	6/13/20	Resigned 10/26/18
Robert Baty Police Chief	747-3349 robert.baty@sitkapd.org			Ex Officio
Dave Miller Fire Chief	747-1861 dave.miller@cityofsitka.org			Ex Officio
Valorie Nelson 107 Littlebyrd Way	747-5689 assemblynelson@cityofsitka.org			Assembly Liaison
Thor Christianson 500 Lincoln Street A9	738-2491 assemblychristianson@cityofsitka.org			Alternate Assembly Liaison
Serena Wild Police Dept. Staff	747-3349 serena.wild@sitkapd.org			Secretary

Established by Ordinance 83-579  
Meet fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. – Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive  
5 members from public 3-year terms

### **OATH OF OFFICE REQUIRED**

Revised: October 14, 2019