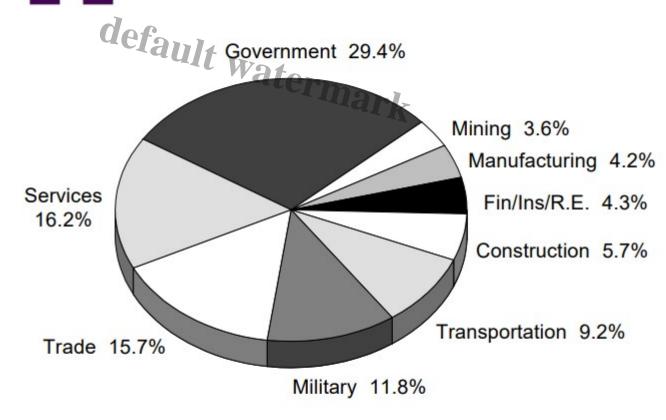
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Description

When Will Justice Prevail?

The Employment Pie



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Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

By 1980 government provided a third of all jobs in Alaska.[1]

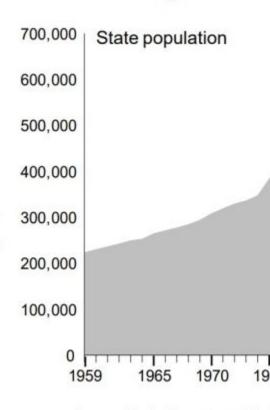
Approximately 35 percent of American oil was from foreign sources in October of 1973 when the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries announced an oil embargo against the United States in retaliation for our countrya??s support of Israel during the Yom Kippur War. Price of gasoline shot up, shortages were common, and President Richard Nixon made construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline part of the solution to this crisis. Under pressure from constituents, Congress created the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act removing all legal barriers from construction and granted a right-of-way for a the 800-mile oil artery from Prudhoe Bay to the deep water port of Valdez.[2]

Thus began the Great Alaska Oil Rush, beginning with construction, and in 1977 the first supertanker left port Valdez with our bounty headed to the west coast. At that moment Alaskans were transformed from residents of a new state in the Arctic Climate Zone to blue-eyed Arabs with a constitutionally guaranteed ownership interest in the resources of Alaska. Some could argue we have been overwhelmed by petrodollars and hungry Chechakos ever since.

I have personally watched this in utter amazement. I now feel comfortable saying that we who are here for the long run must begin reclaiming the lifestyle and heritage we cherishâ??as many are leaving for Tault Watermark Alaska's Population warmer climes.

60s set the stage

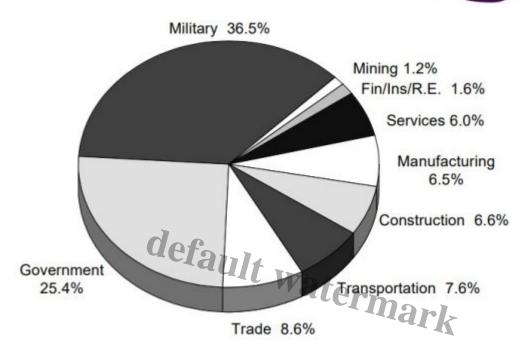
When Alaska became a state in 1959, its economy was in decline. The 50s military buildup had passed and overall station strength had dropped to about 32,000 uniformed personnel. Although federal civilian employment was strong and the military gave impetus to economies in Fairbanks, Anchorage and other locations, Alaska's traditional economic staples faced hard times. Fisheries resources, particularly salmon, were threatened due to over-harvesting. Gold mining had fallen to a fraction of pre-war production.



Source: Alaska Department of La Research and Analysis Section, D By 1970 Alaska had reached a population of 302,173 people, up from 228,000 in 1960. The Anchorage Census Division counted 126,385 people. Other population centers included Fairbanks 14,771, Juneau 6,050 (down from 6,797 in 1960), Kodiak 6,800, Ketchikan 4,904, Bethel 2,416, Nome 2,488, Barrow 2,104, Palmer 1,140, and Wasilla wasnâ??t even a community yet.[3]

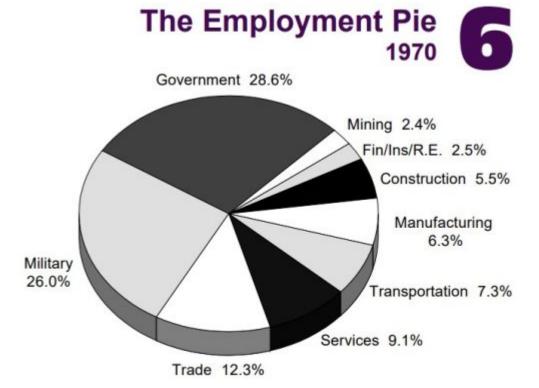


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Because of high wages paid in the private sector during construction of the pipeline, the **State of Alaska** increased salaries and benefits to compete for qualified workers. A State job is a good job.

By 1980 Alaskaâ??s population reached 401,851 people. Anchorage area 174,431. Other population centers: Fairbanks, 22,645, Juneau, 19,528, Ketchikan 7,198, Kodiak 6,000, Kenai 4,326.04, Valdez 3,079, Petersburg 2,821, Soldotna 2,320, Nome 2,301, Wrangell 2,184, Kotzebue 2,054, and Wasilla was listed as having 1,559 residents.[4]

Employment in Alaska increased; in 1960 we had 56,900 non-agriculture jobs and experienced a 4.8 percent growth to 92,400 jobs by 1970. An annual average growth rate of 6.0 percent would see non-ag job growth to 171,000 by 1980. During those two decades government employment (federal-state-local) would grow from 22,700 to 35,600 to 54,900. By the end of 1999 government employment in Alaska would reach 73,300.

Everything done in every other sector of employment is regulated by an increasing government presence.

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Total Nonag. Wage and Salary	56,900	92,400	4.8%	171,100	6.0%	238,100	3.3%	275,600	1.5%	3.4%
Mining	1,100	3,000	9.3%	6,700	7.6%	11,500	5.3%	9,600	-1.8%	4.1%
Oil & Gas Extraction	400	2,700	14.8%	6,200	7.9%	10,300	5.0%	8,100	-2.4%	4.6%
Construction	5.900	6,900	1.6%	10,600	4.2%	10,500		13,200	2.3%	2.0%
Manufacturing	5,800	7,800	2.9%	14,000	5.7%	17,200	2.1%	14,500	-1.7%	2.2%
Logging, Lumber & Pulp	2,200	2,800	2.4%	3,500	2.2%	4,000		1,500	-9.1%	-1.0%
Seafood Processing	2,800	3,700	2.8%	7,800	7.1%	9,500	2.0%	9,200	-0.3%	2.7%
Transportation/Comm/Utilities	6,800	9,100	2.9%	17,200	6.2%	20,600	1.8%	25,700	2.2%	3.0%
Trucking & Warehousing	900	1,700	6.2%	3,000	5.5%	2,400	-2.2%	2,900	1.9%	2.7%
Water Transportation	1,500	800	-6.1%	1,400	5.5%	1,400	0.0%	1,900	3.0%	0.6%
Air Transportation	2,000	3.000	4.0%	5,200	5.4%	6,900	2.8%	9,200	2.9%	3.3%
Communications & Utilities	1,800	2,700	4.0%	7,600	9.5%	5,700	-2.9%	7,100	2.2%	3.1%
Trade	7,700	15,300	6.6%	29,400	6.3%	46,000	4.4%	57,000	2.1%	3.9%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	3,200	7.8%	5,500	5.3%	8,100	3.8%	9,000	1.1%	3.7%
Retail Trade	6,300	12,100	6.3%	23,800	6.5%	37,900	4.6%	48,000	2.4%	3.9%
Gen. Merchandise and Apparel	1,700	3,400	6.7%	4,300	2.3%	5,900	3.1%	9,300	4.5%	3.5%
Food Stores	900	1,700	6.2%	3,700	7.4%	6,600	5.6%	7,100	0.7%	4.0%
Eating and Drinking Places	1,700	2,800	4.9%	8,000	9.6%	13,200	4.9%	16,300	2.1%	4.2%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,400	3,100	7.6%	8,100	8.9%	10,300	2.4%	12,700	2.1%	4.1%
Services & Misc.	5,400	11,400	7.1%	30,200	9.0%	50,900	5.1%	69,300	3.1%	4.4%
Hotels & Lodging Places	600	1,400	8.0%	3,300	8.1%	5,500	5.0%	6,700	2.0%	4.3%
Business Services	500	2,000	12.0%	5,100	8.7%	6,800	2.9%	8,800	2.6%	4.6%
Health Services	1,000	2,200	7.5%	5,800	9.0%	10,500		15,400	3.8%	4.5%
Government	22,700	35,600	4.4%	54,900	4.3%	71,000		73,700	0.4%	2.7%
Federal	15,600	17,100	0.9%	17,700	0.3%	18,700	0.5%	17,000	-1.0%	0.2%
State	3,900	10,400	9.1%	15,400	3.9%	21,500	3.3%	21,600	0.0%	3.6%
Local	3,200	8,100	8.7%	21,800	9.2%	30,800	3.4%	35,100	1.3%	4.3%

¹ 1999 is an annual average of October 1998-September 1999 Current Employment Statistics program estimates.
Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

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Today our employment opportunities appear to be improving with non-ag jobs approaching 350,000.



The Vision and the Reality

Our founders sought a simple and efficient government, with opportunity for Alaskans to live and thrive on resource development bounty established in our constitution. But today we know our state has been taken over by elected officials and some public sector union members here for their Alaska Adventure; state workers, teachers, elected officials and court employees have transformed our state to a bloated government fiefdom. We the People have participated and appreciated the bounty but have never relinquished the fact this government belongs to us.



David Bartels

We the People ARE the state, we ARE the government, proclaimed Dave Bartels over coffee in a private home in Kenai. The servants IN government want you to believe THEY are the State, THEY are the government, THEY are the lawâ??the very definition of a Police State.

Bartels is one of a growing number of Alaskan who feels betrayed by our government, especially the *Alaska Court System.*

The constitution is supposed to be Of the People BY the People, Bartels continued. We are not supposed to be OF the governmentâ??OF the legislature, OF the executive, OF the judiciary. Just because we elect legislators into office doesnâ??t mean they have superiority over us.

But that is what has happened; we have been swept into a world of technology and demands beyond mere human capacity, while government institutions are simply union-dispatched hives of busyworkers strategically denying *We the People* of our freedoms. They hope we will seek paths of least resistance. To challenge the power of government takes more work than most are willing to commit.





Bartels is not an attorney but he has helped many Alaskans sort out the Byzantine Alaska Justice System.

I have studied the law over 25 years, said Bartels. I have looked at the case law of the **Supreme Court** of the **United States**, **Supreme Court of the State of Alaska**, and the appeals courts, to understand what is decided already.

An Erosion of Power for We the People



David Haeg shared a link.

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So far interactions between protesters and the court have been amicable although Area Court administrator, **Carol McAllen** has recently notified **David Haeg** of certain expectations.[6]

From the letter:

Under AS 22.05.025 and Administrative Bulletin 26, no political or advocacy activity is permitted on court system property. Pursuant to that authority, the court system will be setting aside a corridor for court users to use to enter and leave the courthouse (see attached). This corridor will not unreasonably interfere with your right to protest.

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- Do not video record, audio record or photograph people or proceedings inside the courthouse.

During the protest held at the Kenai courthouse April 14, this writer went in to use the restroom. I asked the security workers how they were being impacted by the protest. One of them expressed his affirmation of the right to protest but also some concern about what could happen if this should get out of control.



As Alaskans congregated at the Kenai Courthouse to protest injustice somebody decided this was a good time to change lightbulbs in the outdoor fixtures.

As a long-time Alaskan, I submit the onus to assure this conflict doesnâ??t get out of control is on the bureaucracy, which has created artificial barriers to justice through the Grand Jury, provided for in the Alaska Constitution.

Revelation

Discovery of a 1980 version of the *Alaska Grand Jury Handbook* has resulted in revelations about how that document has been changed to give State bureaucrats an illusion of control over what *We the People* have a right to expect from the Grand Jury.[7]

Haeg informed the Court Administrator April 10, 2022 of this fact by letter with direct quotes from that earlier versionâ??s instruction to grand jurors:

Page 5: â??Charges of crime may be brought to your attention in several waysâ?!..(3) from you own personal knowledge, or from matters properly brought to your personal attention, (4) by private citizens heard by the Grand Jury in formal session, with the Grand Juryâ??s consent.

Page 6:â??â?!.a citizen is at liberty to apply to the Grand Jury for permission to appear before it in order to suggest or urge that a certain situation be investigated by itâ?•

Page 6 and 7: â??the Grand Jury has the additional important duty of making investigations on its own initiative, which it can thereafter report to the court. Thus a Grand Jury may investigate how officials are conducting their public trust, and make investigations as to the proper conduct of public institutions, such as prisons and courts of justice. This gives it the power to inspect such institutions, and if desired, to call before them those in charge of their operations, and other persons who can testify in that regard. If as a result of such an investigation the Grand Jury finds that an improper condition exists, it may recommend a remedy.â?•

Haeg: It appears in the years since this Handbook was written and our current Handbook (revised in 2019 I believe), public officials have corruptly eliminated any wording about the right of citizens to appeal to the Grand Jury directly â?? and corruptly eliminated wording that would inform the Grand Jury an â??important dutyâ?• is to investigate public officials, institutions, andâ??courts of justiceâ??, â??on its own initiativeâ??.

Maybe this was done so public officials can become as corrupt as they want without ever being discovered, fired, indicted, and put in prison.

This (previous) Alaska Grand Jury Handbook also directly refutes your statement (below and attached) to protesters that *â??Access to the grand jury room and its proceedings is prohibited.â?*•

America was born in revolution, and Alaskans are an independent lot by nature. We have stood by as our state has been overrun by self-serving people empowered by unbelievable resource wealth and government overreach. But Alaska is still the last frontier of America and Alaskans can be contrary. Our bountiful resource-based economy has allowed our state employees and elected officials to become too comfortable in their privilege.

One obvious tool in our constitution to remedy this government malaise is the Grand Jury. Our hapless court workers are trying to block this constitutional provision for addressing corruption. Now, flint against steel in Kenai has created a spark that true Alaskans everywhere must fan into a bonfire.

We the People have had enough patronizing duplicity.

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Letter from Area Court Administrator, Carol McAllen



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April 8, 2022

Dear Mr. Haeg:

You are welcome to continue your peaceful protests outside the Kenai Courthouse. The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance and reminders regarding future protests so that you can appropriately exercise your right to protest in a way that allows court employees and other court users to access and conduct business in the courthouse.

But first, I want to say that I appreciate how you have conducted your protests so far. The reports I have received from law enforcement are that your protests on March 30th and April 6th were both peaceful and respectful. I also appreciate that when given direction from law enforcement you and other protesters complied with those directives without incident. It is my hope that this letter will help continue that success by reducing the chance for future misunderstandings between protesters, the court system, and law enforcement. I believe that the following rules should accomplish that goal.

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I have no reason to believe that your protests will violate these rules but if they should, a law enforcement officer will ask you to cease the prohibited activity or behavior. Should you fail to follow those directives you may be cited for trespass.

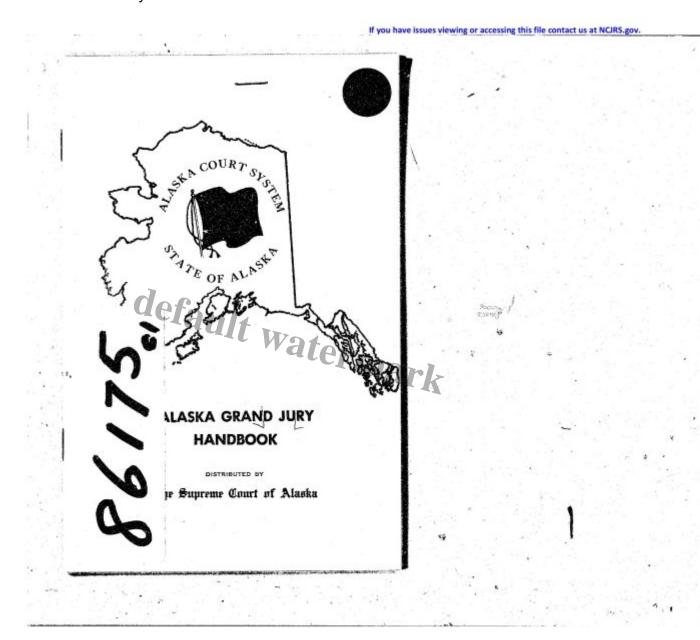
Sincerely,

Carol McAllen
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Area Court Administrator

CC: Denice Chappell, Kenai Clerk of Court Doug Wooliver, Deputy Administrative Director

Enclosure

[7] 1980 Alaska Grand Jury Handbook



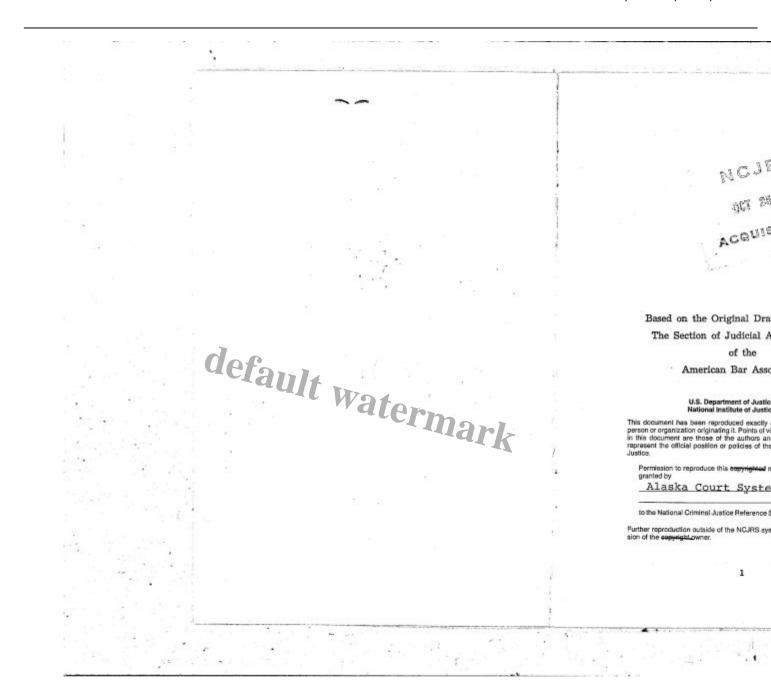


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Alaska Grand Jur

I. IMPORTANCE OF THE GRAI

This Handbook is intended for selected as members of the Grand a port to carry out their duties in the

Clearly a "... government of and for the people," as Abraham the American form of Governmen ticipation of every citizen in at I duties, first to exercise the voting on juries. As Harlan Fiske Stone, United States Supreme Court, said

"Jury service is one of the hig for by it the citizen participate justice between man and man and the individual."

In time of peace no citizen can pe that of Grand Jury service. No it public functions more vital to the order.

The powers and functions of Offrom those of trial or petit juries tries the case and renders the vides. The Grand Jury does not try does not hear both sides. Its funct nesses as to a charge of crime and not the person or persons so chartrial on such charges.

The Grand Jury is both a sword, because it is the terror of cit is the protection of the innocention. These important powers obvic responsibilities to see that such p verted or abused. With its extensi might unless motivated by the hig indictments not warranted by the a source of oppression to our citizen.

Grand Jury might dismiss charges against those who should be proceeded against. The importance of its powers is emphasized by the fact that it is an independent body answerable to no one except the court itself.

II. ORIGIN OF GRAND JURY

Not only in theory, but in actual historical fact, the importance of the Grand Jury has been demonstrated. It had its origin more than seven centuries ago, in England, from which, in large part, this country inherited its legal system. It was recognized in Magna Carta granted by King John of England at the demand of the people in 1215 A.D., and some say its origin was even earlier. This power of the Grand Jury to protect the citizens from the despotic abuse of power has been repeatedly exerted not only in England, but in this country, even before the Declaration of Independence. For instance, in New York City, in 1735, a Colonial Governor demanded that a Grand Jury find a formal criminal charge against the editor of a newspaper called the Weekly Journal, who had held up to scorn certain of the deeds of the Royal Governor. The Grand Jury denied this demand, and refused to indict. Many similar instances could be cited.

However, such cases are exceptional. As a rule the Grand Jury is the source of indictments which authorize the prosecution of those accused of crime. Such is the importance of the Grand Jury in its control of the initiation of prosecutions for serious crime, as distinguished from petty offenses, that the authority of the Grand Jury is recognized in the Constitution of the United States and in the Constitutions of most of the states of the Union, including that of Alaska.

III. NATURE OF THE GRAND JURY

(a) The Accusing Body as to Serious Crimes

As above indicated, the Grand Jury is the principal body which has the right to determine whether a person shall be tried for a serious crime unless that person himself waives, or gives up, that right. This means that no one can be prosecuted for serious crime except by vote of the Grand Jury. Thus the citizens themselves, by Grand Jurors, hold in their ov maintenance of law and order the prosecution for crime. The impose be overestimated.

The above does not apply violations, for which prosecution the district attorney, without through proceedings called info deed, if this were not so, the G merged with complaints on min perform its more important duti

In performing its duties, the mind that it does not finally try only the evidence presented by when it has reason to believe reach will explain away the chorder such evidence to be product require the district attorney to The Grand Jury then determined dence presented, without consitant indictment, which is a formation the legal principals of which trict attorney will advise the Grandficient, it votes an indictment drafted by the district attorney vote "not a true bill."

Charges of crime may be a several ways: (1) by the Court, (3) from your own personal a properly brought to your perso citizens heard by the Grand Jur Grand Jury's consent.

The bulk of your work will charges falling within classes defendant will probably have be charge by a committing Magist Jury. The defendent will there or be in custody, in default of Your action should therefore be reasonably prompt, and result in voting either for or against an Indictment. As to matters brought to your attention in classes (3) and (4) above, emanating directly or indirectly from the Grand Jury itself, it would be wisest to consult with the district attorney or the Court, in advance of undertaking a formal investigation by the Grand Jury, although this is not mandatory. In any event, you will generally have to consult with them in the end, if the Grand Jury decides that a person should be proceeded against criminally, in order to obtain aid in drafting the proper form of Indictment. In most instances this type of Grand Jury investigation will concern persons not then in custody. In the event you vote a true hill, indictment or presentment against such person, such indictment or presentment should be endorsed by you as "secret"—not to be given publicity until released by the Court.

In order that the Grand Jurors may not be subjected to partisan secret influences, no one has the right to approach an individual member of the Grand Jury in order to persuade him that a certain Indictment should, or should not, be found. Any such individual should be referred to the district atterney, in order that he may be heard by the Grand Jury as a whole. On the other hand, a citizen is at liberty to apply to the Grand Jury for permission to appear before it in order to suggest or urge that a certain situation should be investigated by it.

You will further bear in mind that as a Grand Juror you are a public official, with the duty of protecting the public by enforcing the law of the land. Thus even if, perchance, you should think a certain law unduly harsh, that should not influence your judgment in carrying out your duties as a Grand Juror. As a citizen you have the right to endeavor to change the law. As a public official and Grand Juror it is your duty to enforce the law as it exists.

(b) Grand Jury as an Investigatory Body

In addition to the duty of the Grand Jury to hear evidence and decide whether formal criminal charges should be proceeded with, the Grand Jury has the additional important duty of making investigations on its own initiative, which it can thereafter report to t Jury may investigate how official public trust, and make investigation duct of public institutions, such a justice. This gives it the power to and if desired, to call before them operations, and other persons who can lif as a result of such investigation to an improper condition exists, it may

On the other hand, there are what a Grand Jury may do in the tions and in its Report. Specificall forage at will upon any whim it minvestigate such matters as are wigraphic and otherwise. Nor, can a Report specify individuals as bein for the conditions which it criticize Report gives the individual criticizatis reply thereto, as he could were subject of an Indictment for crime. should bear in mind that both in the to indictments, the duty of secrecy

IV. ORGANIZATION. OATH.

When you report for duty as a ing Judge will consider such excusor but because of the great important ber of the Grand Jury, and because serve as a member of the Grand not permit anything but a real enway of your performing this outstar already have been properly select Juror when you read this, but the advise you with regard to exempting desire.

When you report with the other Jury, you will be conducted to Cour your presiding officer—and your De tant will be appointed by the Jud

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them and you sworn in, under an oath which itself states your important powers and responsibilities.

After you have been sworn, the presiding Judge will advise you formally by written instructions, and in greater detail, as to how to conduct these duties and the responsibilities that are yours. This address is called "The Charge to the Grand Jury." This charge by the Court, plus such other instructions as may be given you by the Court, are your controlling guide. The district attorney will also give you his advice, as a skilled official, as to how your duties should be performed. But in the event of question, the Court will rule authoritatively on these matters. You will note that this Handbook does not purport to state the principals of law that govern you as a Grand Juror. Its purpose is simply to give you a clearer understanding of the general nature of your functions, with some practical suggestions as to carrying out such functions. You should go to your oath and to the Court itself for the sole authoritative statement of your powers, functions and duties as Grand Juror.

Upon receiving from the Court its "Charge to the Grand Jury" you will become a part of the Grand Jury. You will then be escorted to the Grand Jury Room, where you will prepare to hear the testimony, and see the documentary evidence, as presented by the district attorney, in the cases to be brought to your attention.

V. PROCEDURE

(a) Quorum

A Grand Jury consists of not less than 12 nor more than 18 members; of the total membership not less than twelve must always be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If less than this quorum exists, even for a moment, the proceedings of the Grand Jury must stop. Hence it is important that any Grand Juror who finds that an emergency interferes with his presence at a scheduled meeting of the Grand Jury, should advise the Grand Jury Foreman promptly, in order to see whether his absence will prevent the Grand Jury from acting at all at the meeting.

(b) Hearing Witnesses

Most of the work of the Grand and hearing witnesses and determining evidence, in order to determine what testimony alone without regard to indictment is justified. When so pattorney will present and explain the Jury, and advise as to the witnesses voluntarily, or at the request of the Grand Jury, or under order of subjury or the Court. Indeed the Grand on the calling of additional witnesses

These witnesses will be called or tell the truth by the Foreman in a dig ner, indicative of the solemnity of the will ordinarily be questioned first by then by the Foreman, and then, if des of the Grand Jury, each of whom is questions of any witness. But as to tion the advice of the district attorned and in the event of doubt, a ruling mat Court.

All questioning should be impart out indicating any viewpoint on the A stenographer may be present to take ings, as may an interpreter, if neede

Should a witness, when brought to testify, refuse to answer question carefully recorded. Then accompanitorney, the Grand Jury may bring Court, with a copy of the record, in or of the Court as to whether the answe not. This probably involves the technithe question asked violates the witnesdom from self-incrimination. If it does compelled to answer. If it does not, ti witness to answer, and if he fails to witness held, or tried, for contempt of

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You will note from the above that the defendant named in the criminal charge has not been heard as a witness, nor have any witnesses for him probably been called. This is because, as stated above, the Grand Jury does not try the merits of the case, but only the sufficiency of the evidence supporting the charge. However, the Grand Jury has the right to offer the defendant the opportunity to appear before it. This is not usually done and should not be done unless the Grand Jury really feels that it is desirable. If the defendant is given this opportunity, and appears, he cannot be forced to testify because of the constitutional provisions above alluded to. Indeed, if the Grand Jury attempts to force him to testify, the indictment of the defendant may be nullified. Further, even if the defendent is willing to testify voluntarily, in order that it may be clear that he is testifying voluntarily, he should first be warned of his right not to testify, and should then sign a formal waiver of his constitutional privilege against self-incrimination b.fore he does so testify. This last is his agreement not to rely upon the above constitutional right, and to be prosecuted even though he testifies, and the Grand Jury should be fully satisfied that he understands what he is then doing.

From the above, it is clear that the matter of forcing a witness to testify, or of giving the defendant an opportunity to testify, raises complicated legal questions. The advice of the district attorney and the ruling of the Court thereon should be sought if any such question arises.

Further legal questions may arise as to whether certain evidence is proper. The law of Evidence is technical, and here you must be guided by the district attorney or by the Court.

Finally, bear in mind that neither a defendant nor an ordinary witness, when appearing before a Grand Jury, is entitled to have his counsel present in the Grand Jury Room.

(c) Determination to Indict or Dismiss

When the Grand Jury has heard all necessary or available witnesses, and all persons except the Grand Jury have left the room, the Foreman will ask the Grand Jury to discuss and vote on the question of whether a True Bill should be found on the charge. Every Grand Juror now has the right to

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comment on the evidence and his viafter, and only after each member h the vote will be taken. No indictment majority of the members present co

Similar proceedings are taken w cussed is not a formal charge or Indi noted above—the result of an investi, with which the Grand Jury has conconstitute a formal charge of crime.

When the hearing of the witness closed, all persons present, other than leave the room. Only the members o present when the Grand Jury del charge. If this is not done, an Indictor

VI. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The district attorney will be acti Grand Jury in presenting one by one in calling the witnesses to support the official, usually of experience in the telligence and sincerity, he will not legal advisor to the Grand Jury.

However, the best of advisers of Thus, if a difference of opinion arise Grand Jury, the matter should be bring Judge for his ruling.

Finally, you will remember the attorney nor any of his assistants, repermitted to be present while the deliberating or voting on an Indictrathis occurs, an Indictment may be not assistant to the second of the sec

VII. SECRECY

Secrecy as to all Grand Jury pr only action upon an Indictment or P that any such matter was considered is of the upmost importance. Thus on

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themselves be protected from being subjected to pressure by persons who may be involved in the action of the Grand Jury. Thus only can persons be prevented from escaping while an Indictment against them is under consideration. Thus only can witnesses before the Grand Jury be prevented from being tampered with, or intimidated, before they testify at the trial. Thus only can such witnesses be encouraged to give the Grand Jury information as to the commission of crime. Thus only can an innocent person who has been improperly subjected to a charge, but where the Indictment has been dismissed, be saved the disgrace attendant upon the making of such a charge. Note that to achieve the above protection for the Grand Jury for the individuals involved, including the witnesses, and for the citizens at large, this pledge of secrecy is paramount and permanent.

No more need be said as to the importance of a Grand Juror's not communicating to his family, to his friends, to anyone, that which takes place in the Grand Jury Room. The only time he may do so is when the Court under certain circumstances itself orders such disclosure, in order to do justice.

VIII. PROTECTION OF GRAND JURORS

The secrecy to which Grand Jurors are sworn is of itself one of the major sources of protection of the members of the Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury is further protected by being an independent body answerable to no one except the Court itself. No inquiry may be made to learn what a Grand Juror said or how he voted. The law gives a Grand Juror complete immunity for his official acts within the authority of the Grand Jury regardless, for instance, of the ultimate result on an indictment returned by the Grand Jury. The one apparent exception to this is, if he himself testifies before the Grand Jury to the commission of a crime, and his testimony is perjured. With this complete protection for their official acts, it is obviously vital that our Grand Jurors should be citizens of unquestioned integrity and high character.

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IX. PRACTICAL SUGGES

Attend the sessions of a only each of your fellow jure on you to do your job well.

Pay close attention to the dence presented; the reputate pends on what is being told.

Be courteous to the witn do not try to monopolize the

In fixing the time and p the convenience of the publi of yourselves and the district

The oath should be admi pressive manner, so that they judicial hearing, and that the

Wait until the district at before asking questions of a v the evidence you are seeking

Listen to the evidence a jurors, but don't be a rubber s

> Be independent, but not Be absolutely fair—you

Be absolutely fair—you of the secrecy of the hearing what you have done.

All jurors have an equal dictment. Each juror has the views.

Express your opinion, be juror has a right to his own op another juror, but do not try and agree with you. He might

Do not keep silent when and begin to talk about it after

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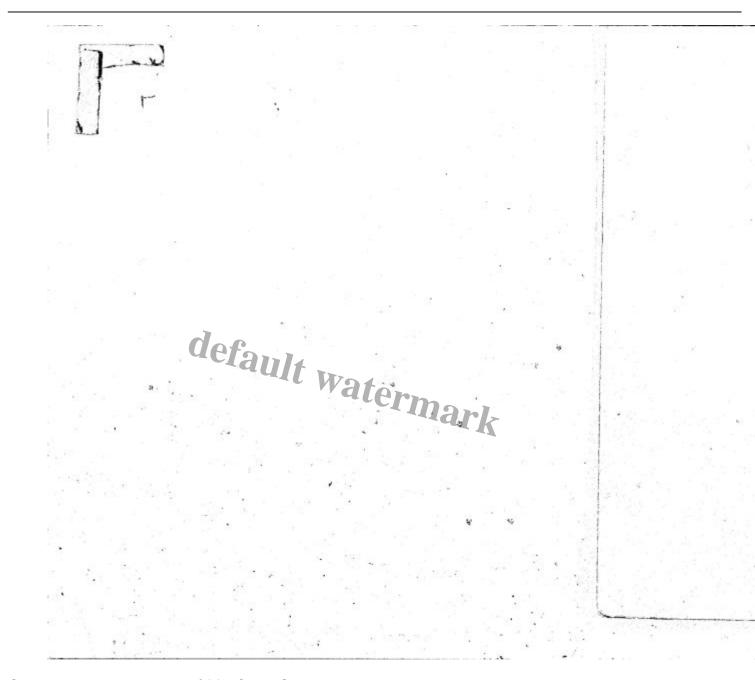
Do not discuss cases with your fellow jurors outside of the jury room.

It is of great importance that your attendance be regular and on time. If you are unable to attend the session, or desire to be excused, ask permission. The unexpected lack of a quorum causes a great loss of time and money to the individual jurors as well as to the authorities and witnesses.

When considering undertaking any special investigation, it is wise to consult the district attorney beforehand, so that he may arrange routine business accordingly and advise you as to other matters bearing on such an investigation.

Each juror has a duty and responsibility equal to yours. Each juror is entitled to be satisfied with the evidence before being called upon to vote. Although your mind may be made up, if others wish to pursue the matter further, you have no right to dismiss the witness or shut off proper discussion.

Your membership on the Grand Jury is a high honor. You are among a relatively small number of citizens of your community who are chosen to serve on the Grand Jury. This should therefore mean devoted, responsible participation in performing Grand Jury duty.



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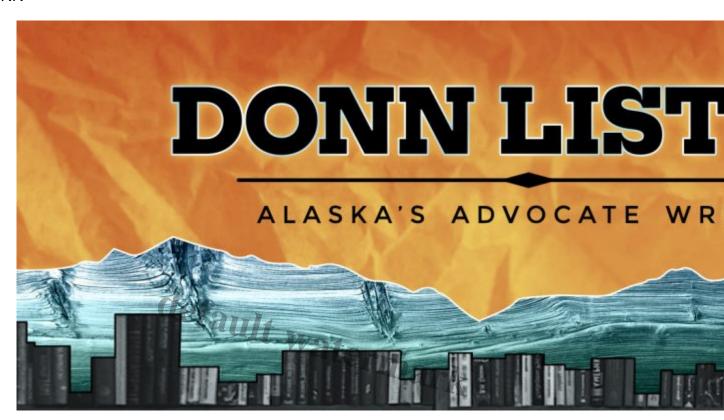
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