

Memorial Day Update of Alaska's Grand Jury Problem

1. Simply, this is about: (A) ***“Public Corruption”*** in the form of evidence that the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct has falsified potentially thousands of official investigations to keep corrupt judges on the bench and ruling over Alaska's citizens; (B) how a Kenai Grand Jury, who investigated the forging evidence for nearly 2 years, is now being unconstitutionally prevented from exposing and addressing this corruption; and (C) how the Kenai Grand Jury investigated evidence that the Alaska Supreme Court is even implicated in the corruption and cover-up.

2. We must do something to help the original Kenai Grand Jury make its report and recommendations public – as one Juror has went *“missing”* (and still is) and without him the other Jurors do not have a quorum to overcome Judge Thomas Matthews' refusal to let the public see their report and recommendations. (On a technicality, Judge Matthews also dismissed the Grand Jury's indictment of Judge Margaret Murphy.)

3. The Alaska Supreme Court now claims that Grand Juries do not have the right to investigate or address corruption in public officials. The Supreme Court also made a rule (Criminal Rule 6.1) barring citizens from appealing directly to the Grand Jury. Yet here is what Alaska's Constitution and the Delegates who wrote it say:

“The power of grand juries to investigate and make recommendations concerning the public welfare or safety shall never be suspended.” Alaska Constitution, Article 1, Section 8.

“The power of grand juries to inquire into the willful misconduct in office of public officers, and to find indictments in connection therewith, shall never be suspended.” Alaska Constitutional Convention, December 15, 1955.

“The grand jury is preserved, for all purposes, particularly for investigation of public officials.” Alaska Constitutional Convention Commentary on the Preamble and the Declaration of Rights, December 15, 1955.

“The grand jury can be appealed to directly, which is an invaluable right to the citizen.” Alaska Constitutional Convention transcript page 1328.

“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... a Grand Jury may investigate how officials are conducting their public trust.” Original Alaska Grand Jury Handbook

On this Memorial Day, we ask all Alaskans to consider the above evidence that a malignant cancer is growing within Alaska's judicial system – and to consider joining the effort to remove that cancer.

If we do nothing, Alaskan Grand Juries will lose the ability to investigate and address corruption in Alaska's government – when, according to Alaska's Founding Fathers, this is the Grand Jury's most important duty.

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