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The Framing of Alaska's Three Branches

7th Annual Alaska Bar Historian's Luncheon

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Welcome & Introductions:

Leroy Barker, Chair Alaska Bar Historians Committee

Presentation:

Doug Pope *Moderator*

The Legislative Article Joe Josephson

Josephson & Associates P.C.

The Executive Article

Talis Colberg
Mayor, Mat-Su Borough

The Judiciary Article
Judge Karen Hunt (Ret.)

Closing & Door Prizes

Leroy Barker

Welcome

To the high school students who are joining us today, including members of:

Anchorage Youth Court Bartlett High School *We the People* Team South High School *We the People* Teams West High School *We the People* Team

Thank You

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And with special thanks to today's speakers:

Doug Pope, Joe Josephson, Talis Colberg & Judge Karen Hunt (Ret.) **Doug Pope** was born and raised in Fairbanks, and was in grade school when the Constitutional Convention took place on the University of Alaska campus. He graduated from Willamette University College of Law in 1973, then worked as a public defender, a prosecutor, and a legislative staffer before starting his own law practice in Anchorage. In the thirty-plus years he has been in private practice, he has argued many cases to the Alaska Supreme Court addressing the scope of executive, legislative or judicial authority.

Joe Josephson received his BA degree from the University of Chicago and his law degree from the Catholic University of America School of Law. He joined the staff of E. L. "Bob" Bartlett, Alaska's non-voting delegate to Congress, in 1957, and remained when Bartlett became a Congressman after Statehood. In 1961, Josephson was admitted to the Alaska Bar Association and entered the private practice of law. He was elected to the Alaska House of Representatives in 1962 and 1964, and to the Alaska Senate in 1968, where he served several terms over the next 20 years. Today, he remains actively engaged in the practice of law and pursues his interest in history as a director of the Cook Inlet Historical Society.

Talis Colberg was born in the Territory of Alaska in 1958 and graduated from Palmer High School in 1976. He earned a BA from Pacific Lutheran University in 1979 and a law degree from Pepperdine University in 1983. In 2008, he earned a Ph.D. in History from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He has practiced law in Alaska for over 25 years. Currently, he serves as Mayor of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. Prior to being elected Mayor, he served as Alaska's Attorney General.

Judge Karen Hunt (Ret.) served on the Superior Court in Anchorage from 1984-2000. She lectures frequently to lawyers and judges on a wide range of legal subjects, both nationally and internationally. She is founding president of the Anchorage Association of Women Lawyers and a past president of the Anchorage Bar Association, Alaska Bar Association, and Alaska Judges Conference. Additionally, she has served on many non-profit boards of directors and is currently on the boards of Commonwealth North and Alaska Pacific University. She has received many awards for public service, including the YWCA's Women of Achievement Award, the Alaska Supreme Court's Community Outreach Award, and the Alaska Bar Association's Public Service Award.