

Sean R. Parnell

Curriculum Vitae

Education

- Juris Doctor, University of Puget Sound School of Law, Tacoma, WA [*nka* Seattle University School of Law], 1987.
- Master of Arts, Theology & Biblical Studies, Western Seminary, Portland, OR, 2020.
- Bachelor of Business Administration, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA, 1984.

Professional Experience Summary

- Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2021-present.
- Governor of Alaska, former lieutenant governor, former Alaska State Senator, and former Alaska State Representative.
 - Significant State of Alaska budget experience (Legislative & Executive Branches)
 - Sponsored and passed Alaska Performance Scholarships and funding (\$400 million endowment for APS and needs-based grants)
- Formally a practicing attorney in Anchorage, Alaska with over twenty-five years in the active practice of law (commercial litigation and transactions), 1987-2008; 2015-2021.

Professional Experience, Chronological Detail

- 2018-2021, Holland & Hart LLP, Anchorage, AK, Of Counsel (Attorney, Commercial Transactions) <https://www.hollandhart.com/sparnell>
- 2015-2018, Sean R. Parnell, Attorney at Law, Palmer, AK (Solo Practice-Commercial Law)
- 2009-2014, Governor of Alaska, Juneau, AK

The Governor of Alaska is the chief executive officer of the Executive Branch of Alaska state government. The Governor is responsible for over \$70 billion in net assets; approximately 20,000 employees; the safety, health and opportunity for 710,000 people; and, management of the land, water, air and natural resources of the largest state in the union, all in accord with Alaska's constitution.

Accomplishments

- Created, passed, and implemented Alaska Performance Scholarships and the sustainable funding mechanism (endowment totaling \$400 million) to create more higher education opportunity for the APS and needs-based grants;
- Led successful effort to address the State's unfunded pension liability by obtaining legislative approval to pay down the pension liability by \$3 billion and restructuring the payment obligation;
- Parnell Administration achieved and maintained a "Triple A" financial rating from Moody's, S & P, and Fitch rating agencies;
- Operationally integrated state agency work, achieving significantly better departmental coordination, communications and efficiencies;

- Represented the State of Alaska's interest at the CEO level and with other executive level personnel across oil & gas, seafood, travel, transportation, financial institutions, mining, and utilities sectors;
- Negotiated on behalf of state interests at Cabinet Secretary level of the United States federal government;
- Lead decision-maker regarding State's positions on collective bargaining relative to all bargaining units.
- 2006-2009, Lieutenant Governor of Alaska, Anchorage, AK
Together, with the University of Alaska, Anchorage (Chancellor Fran Ulmer), partnered on an elections security project to ensure voting machines could securely and accurately count votes.
- 2005-2006, Patton Boggs, LLP, Anchorage, AK, Partner (attorney in a large, national firm)
Provided legal representation for public university, financial institutions, oil & gas companies, and Alaska businesses, generally. [Left the firm after winning election as Alaska's Lt. Governor, 2006].
- 2003-2005, State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Deputy Director, Division of Oil & Gas
Managed personnel and budgetary functions of a state regulatory division dealing with natural resources permitting, leasing, royalty accounting, and economics.
- 2000-2003, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc., Anchorage, AK, Attorney & Director, State Government Relations
Provided legal advice around employment laws issues and government relations advice and strategies to the President and Sr. VP's of the company.
- 1996-2000, Alaska State Senator, Anchorage, AK
Elected to the second highest leadership post (Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee, and entrusted with negotiating the Senate budget with the Governor's Office and the Alaska House of Representatives).
- 1992-1996, Alaska State Representative, Anchorage, AK
First elected at 29 years of age. Named "Most Effective Freshman Legislator" by the Alaska Journal of Commerce, following a survey of legislators, legislative staff, lobbyists, and civil servants.
- 1991-2000, Sean R. Parnell, Attorney at Law, Anchorage, AK, Attorney
Represented clients in every judicial district in Alaska; commercial litigation, commercial transactions, employment law, and real estate. The law practice continued simultaneously with public service between 1992-2000 as Alaska legislators are meant to be part-time servants.
- 1987-1991 Associate Attorney, Anchorage, AK
Licenses: Licensed to practice law in Alaska (1987-2021); Washington, D.C. (1987-2021, inactive).