

Sean R. Parnell

Professional Experience Summary

- Former Governor of Alaska, former lieutenant governor, former state senator, and former 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)
- Currently practicing attorney in Anchorage, Alaska with twenty-five years in the active practice of law (primarily in the realm of commercial transactions).

Professional Experience, Chronological Detail

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

 - 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, Alaska
Partner (attorney in a large, national firm)
Provided legal representation for a 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 (of approx. 40 people) that deals with natural resources permitting, leasing, royalty accounting, and economics.

- 2000-2003

ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
Anchorage, Alaska
Attorney & Director, State Government Relations
Provided legal advice around employment law issues and provided government relations advice and strategies to the President and Sr. VP's of the company.

- 1996-2000

Alaska State Senator
Anchorage, Alaska
Elected to the second highest leadership post by my peers (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, Alaska
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, Alaska
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 public servants.

1987-1991 Associate Attorney, Anchorage, Alaska

Licenses: Licensed to practice law in Alaska (1987-2021); Washington, D.C. (1987-2021, inactive)

Education

1984 Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA

1987 Juris Doctor (JD) (terminal degree)
University of Puget Sound School of Law, Tacoma, WA
[law school later acquired by Seattle University]

2020 Master of Arts [Biblical Studies & Theology]
Western Seminary, Portland, OR