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Profile

Ms. Gifford joined Faulkner Banfield, P.C. in 1984, after serving as a law clerk to Senior Justice John Dimond and Justice Allen Compton of the Alaska Supreme Court. Her practice focuses on representation of school districts, non-profit organizations and businesses. Ms. Gifford's clients appreciate her ability to provide quick, practical solutions for their educational and management dilemmas, as well as the writing and editorial skills she employs to help them develop policies and other official communications. Ms. Gifford is a frequent speaker at seminars and conferences on education and employment law topics.

Recent seminars Ms. Gifford has presented include the following:

- Email: Love It or Hate It, but Handle with Care, Association of Alaska School Boards, 2008
- Waving the "Bong Hits" Banner: Student Speech Rights After Morse, National School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys, 2007
- Public Employee Free Speech Rights After Garcetti v. Ceballos, Association of Alaska School Boards, 2007
- Practical Pointers for Negotiations, Alaska Association of School Administrators, 2006
- Current Trends in Special Education Litigation, Association of Alaska School Boards, 2006
- Religion in the Schools, Association of Alaska School Boards, 2005
- References: Useful Tools or Nasty Traps? Association of Alaska School Boards, 2004

Professional Associations and Public Service

Ms. Gifford serves on the Civil Rules Advisory Committee to the Alaska Supreme Court. She is a past President of the Juneau Bar Association and belongs to a number of professional organizations, including the National School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys and the Labor and Employment section of the American Bar Association. Ms. Gifford enjoys volunteering with the Juneau School District, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and the Alaska Folk Festival. She also serves as a fund-raising co-chair for Alaska Legal Services.

Past Employment

Alaska Supreme Court, Law Clerk, 1983-1984

Education

J.D. with honor 1983
University of Wyoming
College of Law

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Editor in Chief, Land and Water Law Review, 1982-1983

B.A. History 1979
Rice University, Houston, Texas