

To: All Members of the Alaska State Legislature

From: Wayne Anthony Ross *WAR*

Re: Confirmation for the Position of Attorney General

Date: 15 April 2009

I have been advised that there is now a rumor circulating that I have advocated or implied that the law should be ignored when the Senate takes up the issue of approving the Governor's appointment to fill the vacant Senate seat for Juneau. I am also advised that someone indicated on the floor of the Legislature that I made such a statement. That rumor is totally false.

Since assuming the responsibilities as Attorney General I have been kept quite busy meeting with as many of you as I can before confirmation to answer any questions you may have. I have, unfortunately, been unable to meet with all of you. I am sure you would not vote to confirm an Attorney General nominee who advocated ignoring the law. That is why I have chosen to send you this memo attesting to the fact that I never made any statement that the law should be ignored.

Despite the hectic schedule of the last few weeks, I did read a legislative attorney's opinion on the Governor's submitting names to the Senate as well as the current law, and a 1987 Informal AG's opinion upon which the Governor has relied. The legislative attorney's opinion is interesting and contains some good points. I am not sure I agree with everything therein however.

I can assure you that if and when I am confirmed, this entire area of the law will be thoroughly analyzed and I will issue a report on my findings and opinion. I look forward to the chance to do so and set the issues, raised by the current vacancy in the Alaska Senate, to rest once and for all.

Be assured again, however, that I DID NOT and would not advocate ignoring the law.

I have worked in the field of the law for almost 45 years. I love the law and I love America's and Alaska's legal system. I have vigorously and zealously represented many different clients who have had legal problems large and small. Now Governor Palin has given me the opportunity to represent our great State. I bring to the task integrity, knowledge of the law and the legal system, the desire and ability to work hard for all of the people of Alaska, and a real love of this State. One other important attribute I have is a good sense of humor, sometimes a rare commodity these days.

I truly look forward to meeting the challenge Governor Palin has given me. I also look forward to working with you in the future in the best interests of our Alaska.

I ask that you give me the chance to do so by voting for my confirmation.