

# ANNE HELZER ATTORNEY AT LAW

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## *Professional Experience*

**HELZER LAW LLC (Anne Helzer, Attorney at Law) – Owner** 2011 – 2023

Alaska Law Firm; Licensed in Alaska (2009). Member of New York Bar (2004).

Transactional Law: Business formation and guidance, real property disputes, transfers, contract drafting and deal formation, contract disputes, estate planning, family law (child custody), informal and formal probate, and contested guardianship of adults.

Litigation: Appearances in Alaska Superior Court (state-wide), Alaska District Court, Alaska Supreme Court, and U.S District Court (Alaska).

Representative Matters: subject matters include but are not limited to adoption (private and Child in Need of Aid), probate disputes, attorney fees, specific performance in contract, civil rights, first amendment/ free speech, federal trademark infringement, contested adult guardianship and conservatorship, negligence, contractual disputes, government forfeiture, complex probate administration, wills, will contests and trusts (litigation).

**Alaska Public Offices Commission (“APOC”), State of Alaska, Chair** 2018 – 2023

Appointed by Governor Walker; 5-year public service State of Alaska Hearing Officer; Oversee public meetings and executive sessions, all special/emergency hearings for violations of campaign finance disclosure laws, lobbying disclosures, violations of public trust, government ethics, and the enforcement of fines. Evaluate complaints, consider oppositions, and take testimony in accord with rules of process; Collaborate with fellow Commission Members, Executive Director, agency staff, Attorney General’s Office (Appeals and Opinions Section), State Department of Administration, and outside counsel (while also overseeing the hiring process through State Department of Administration). Approval of annual budgets and agendas, review and approval of draft pleadings, orders, and advisory opinions; Keep Apprised of active litigation including APOC related appeals filed in Alaska State Court, Alaska Supreme Court, U.S District Court (Alaska) and 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court (*Smith v. Helzer*; *Thompson v. Hebdon*). Elected Vice Chair in 2018, served as interim Chair when former chair was appointed Judge of the Superior Court (Fairbanks); Elected Chair for 4 consecutive years of my term.

**Victims of Violent Crimes Compensation Board (“VCCB”), Attorney** 2020-2023

Appointed in 2020; Attorney for three-person Board ensuring State compensation for victims of violent crimes. Acted as the Attorney to review, approve, and implement State of Alaska board policies and procedures to establish protocol for claim eligibility status and type of assistance; Work with Executive director to address staff issues, federal government audits, and approval of annual state and federal budget to ensure operations, payment of administrative expenses, and available monies to pay claims to victims. Evaluated hundreds of claims both on an emergency and regular basis, in addition to addressing numerous backlogged claims with the same high level of attention. Work with Commissioners and staff to approve claims for victims in accord with established eligibility protocol.

**Murtha Cullina LLP: Trusts/Estates/ Probate**

2004 – 2007

99 High Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA

Medium to large law firm with multiple office locations. Areas of practice included Probate Litigation (contested), Trust, Estate and Charitable Trust Administration, Mediation, Estate Planning, and technical writing. *Reason for leaving:* In 2007, my husband, obtained a position in Alaska. Joseph was born and raised in Alaska. We have 5 school age children.

### ***EDUCATION AND TRAINING***

Uniform Law Commission Annual Meeting (U.L.C) Anchorage, AK	2019
Alaska Bar Convention, Fairbanks, AK, and Anchorage, AK	Various
Government Ethics, Elections, Campaign Finance (C.O.G.E.L) Conf.	2018- Completed
United States District Court Admission (U.S District Court, Alaska)	2017- Admitted
Mediation Training Alaska Court System Certification (40 hours)	2017- Completed
Anchorage Police Citizen's Academy, Anchorage AK	2013- Completed
Regent University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, VA Virginia Beach, Virginia	2002- Completed
University of Bridgeport, School of Education, Master of Science	2000- Completed
Thomas More College of Liberal Arts, B.A. Literature, NH, Rome, Italy	1997- Completed

### **Community Organizational / Involvement:**

Council on Governmental Ethics Laws, (Member, APOC)	2018-2023
Anchorage Concert Chorus, Carnegie Hall, New York	2022
Alaska Victims of Violent Crimes Compensation Board, <i>Attorney</i>	2020-2023
Alaska Public Offices Commission, <i>Chair</i>	2018-2023
Anchorage Bar Association, <i>Past President, Current Board Member</i>	2016-Present
Probate and Estates Section ABA, <i>Member</i>	2012-Present
Anchorage Concert Chorus, <i>Member</i>	2015-Present
AFN Legal Pro-bono legal Clinic (ALSC)	Various
Pro-Bono Volunteer Attorney (Federal Civil Rights)	2018-present
Hilltop Ski Area, Volunteer, Anchorage AK	2010-present
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Volunteer, Anchorage, AK	2012-present
Blessed Sacrament Monastery, Volunteer, Anchorage AK	2008-present