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Re: Ombudsman Complaint A2004-0822 (Status Report)

Dear Mr. Suter:

I am writing to provide you a status report on your complaint with this office. As I advised you in my letter of June 11, 2015, the preliminary investigative report in Ombudsman Complaint A2004-0822 was forwarded to the Alaska State Commission on Human Rights (Commission) for its response to our preliminary findings per AS 24.55.180.

ASCHR Director Paula Haley responded on behalf of the Commission within the response time. I have reviewed the Commission's response and determined that I must confer further with Ms. Haley on how the confidential information in the report can be handled in compliance with ASCHR confidentiality provisions at AS 18.80.115 and the Ombudsman's own confidentiality requirements at AS 24.55.160.

The preliminary finding totals 118 pages, a significant portion of which is derived from information in confidential ASCHR records. AS 24.55.160 gives the ombudsman access to confidential records but specifically prohibits the ombudsman from releasing confidential information to persons not otherwise authorized to have that information. This statutory limitation extends to complainants.

I will be out of state until August 10 and will confer with Ms. Haley as soon as possible upon my return. I appreciate your continued patience.

Sincerely,

Linda Lord-Jenkins  
State of Alaska Ombudsman

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