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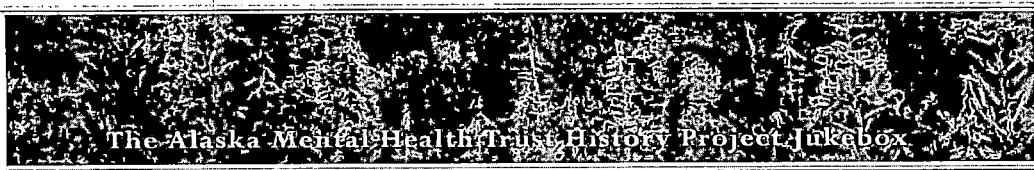
- Grew up in Fairbanks
- Social worker in Fairbanks in early 1970s - child protective services
- Involved in proxy fight over control of community mental health in Fairbanks
- Earned law degree and master's degree in social work at University of Denver
- Worked for Alaska Department of Family and Youth Services (in Anchorage?) in training and policy
- Worked for the Attorney General's office in Fairbanks
- Commissioner of Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) under Governor Cowper (1986-1990)
  - Involved with attempts to work out a settlement for mental health trust
  - Involved with Interim Mental Health Commission at Department of Natural Resources and their efforts to work out a settlement
  - Continued communication with the Mental Health Board and the communities and DHSS and legislature
  - Involved with trying to work out legislative solution to the settlement - last ditch effort with Jay Kertulla at end of session to get a settlement through, but failed
- Had strong feelings about mental health trust issue and trying to figure out a solution
- When 4-year term was up as Commissioner, left the job and had to let the issue go, it felt hopeless that would never be a resolution
- Served on board of Juneau Alliance for the Mentally Ill (JAMI), but don't know what years. JAMI now has different name.
- Personal interest in mental health topic - elder sister committed suicide and mother suffered from depression and history of depression in family

Currently, works as lawyer at Juneau law firm of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson and Perry. According to their website, "she joined the law firm in 1990 after four years as Commissioner of Health and Social Services. Prior to that she was Assistant Attorney General in the Alaska Department of Law, representing primarily Department of Health and Social Services cases." See her photo and profile on the law firm's website at: <http://www.sonosky.com/attorney-profile-34.html>

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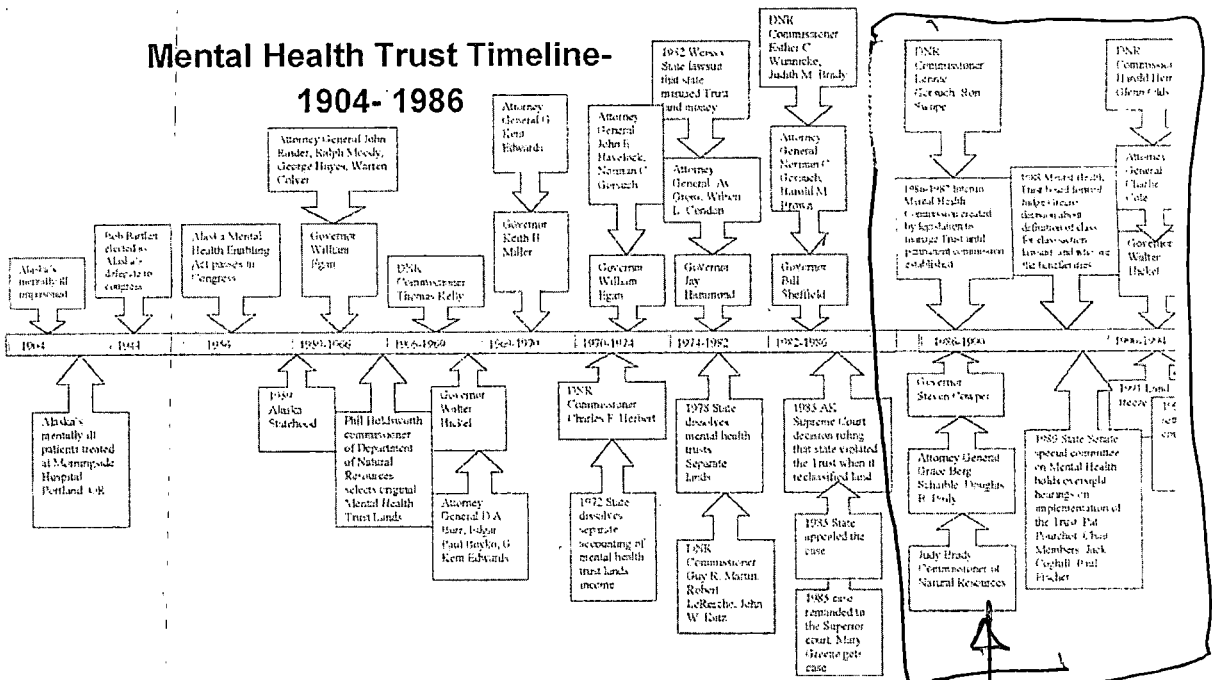
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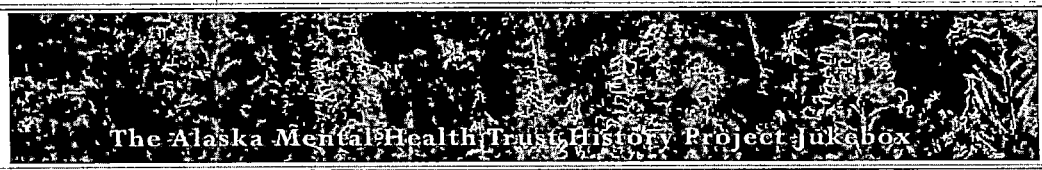
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