

Bonnie Paskvan and Danika Watson Featured in Alaska Business on the Role of Litigators in Alaska

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Dorsey attorneys Bonnie Paskvan and Danika Watson were quoted in *Alaska Business's* August 2025 article, "*Navigating the Courtroom*," which explores the realities of litigation practice in Alaska - and dispels some common myths about what it means to be a litigator in the state.

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While many envision attorneys spending most of their time in courtrooms, the article highlights that this is far from typical. As Bonnie, Partner and head of Dorsey's Anchorage office, explained:

"Only 25 percent of attorneys self-identify as litigators [...] So it's a myth that all lawyers are litigators. The statistics show they are the minority."

The article emphasized the specialized role litigators play in guiding clients through a complex and often opaque legal system. Danika, an Associate in the Anchorage office, noted:

"When you hand a case to a litigator, one of the main things that they can offer is understanding the system, the kind of filings that a court would want to see and the arguments it would expect at a hearing or in a briefing."

"They're really that contact point between a historic system and the people who have legal issues. There's so much legacy behind those rules and those procedures, and a litigator is a navigator for all of that."

Bonnie also shared advice for individuals and businesses facing potential disputes:

"Our advice would be to find someone that you respect and trust their advice. If it comes to litigation and that person can't help you, they could refer you to someone who can."

Together, Bonnie and Danika's perspectives underscore Dorsey's deep litigation experience and commitment to client-focused counsel in Alaska and beyond.

Read the full article in the *Alaska Business Magazine*.