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The Disability Law Center of Alaska Announces David Monroe as New Executive Director

Anchorage, Alaska, April 25, 2025—The Board of Directors of the Disability Law Center of Alaska (DLC-AK) is pleased to announce the appointment of David Monroe as the new Executive Director of the organization effective April 25, 2025. David Monroe's appointment follows the announcement of the retirement of David Fleurant, who joined DLC-AK as a staff attorney in 1995 and has led the organization since 2000. David Fleurant is known as a kind and compassionate leader who has always offered staff members the support they need to be effective advocates. He leaves the agency with a strong legacy of advocating for individuals with disabilities in Alaska.

David Monroe began his legal career as a criminal defense attorney in private practice in 1992. He spent five years working within the Protection and Advocacy system, which DLC-AK is a part of, as an attorney and then ultimately as the Legal Services Director for Disability Law Colorado, in addition to his experience as the Executive Director of The Arc of Larimer County in Colorado. His experience in managing programs and agencies that provide advocacy on behalf of individuals with disabilities is well suited to the challenges of becoming the next Executive Director of DLC-AK.



"We are happy to appoint David in a leadership role with DLC-AK," said Chris Peloso, President of the Board of Directors. "His firsthand knowledge of the unique challenges DLC-AK faces, combined with his compassionate advocacy work in social justice, are ideal traits that will help guide the organization through its next chapter. In particular, we are confident his extensive knowledge of the P&A system and capable leadership skills will help him hit the ground running."

David Monroe is no stranger to Alaska, the Disability Law Center of Alaska (DLC-AK), nor the ever-continuing battle to protect the civil rights of individuals with disabilities in our state. He has been working for DLC-AK for the last year as a senior attorney, representing individuals with disabilities experiencing discrimination throughout Alaska and in many different contexts including employment, housing, community integration and equity for educational access. David has also been very active in DLC-AK's facility and assisted living home monitoring activities throughout the state. He is particularly passionate about advocating on behalf of people with disabilities who want to leave facilities, assisted living and nursing homes for more integrated and independent life within the community.