

# A Proven Leader

## Professional Experience:

Chairman and CEO, Riverboat Discovery,  
1991 - 2005

President, El Dorado Gold Mine, 1993 - 2005

Owner, Northwest Navigation Tug & Barge Company,  
1977 - 1986

## Government Experience:

Alaska State Senate, 1986 - 1990

Alaska State House of Representatives, 1985 - 1986

Bethel City Council, 1982 - 1985

## Civic Service:

Bush/Cheney Re-Elect, Alaska Finance Chairman, 2004

Alaska Railroad Corporation: Chairman, 1997 - 2005  
Board Member, 1995 - 2005

ENSTAR Natural Gas Board of Directors, 2001 - 2005

Alaska Airlines Advisory Board, 2004 - 2005

American Heart Association: Chairman, 2003 - 2004

Alaska Visitors Association: President, 1994 - 1995;  
Board Member, 1991 - 2002

Bering Sea Commercial Fisheries Development  
Foundation: President, 1991 - 1998

Office of Substance Abuse Prevention Advisory  
Board: Presidential Appointment, 1990 - 1992

## Awards and Honors:

Top 25 Alaskans, Alaska Journal of Commerce: 2001

Northstar Award, Alaska Tourism Industry Association:  
1999

Recognition Award, Alaska Council on Prevention of  
Alcohol and Drug Abuse: 1990

## Personal:

Date of Birth: February 4, 1953 in Fairbanks, Alaska

Spouse: Judy Gray Binkley

Children: Ryan, Sabrina and Baby Simon, Kai and  
John; Wade and James

## Education:

University of Alaska Fairbanks: Associate Degree,  
Maintenance Technology: Airframe and Powerplant

Western Michigan University (Engineering)

Lathrop High School, Fairbanks, Alaska

  
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# A Note of Thanks

## To all the Delegates and Participants at the Alaska Republican Convention:

Some people say party politics doesn't matter, but I disagree. I believe that the people who participate in the party are the heart of the democratic process. I'm honored to be here as a candidate for governor of Alaska.

No one gets into public office without earning the trust and support of their friends and neighbors – the hard working people of Alaska. I want you to know that if elected, I will work hard every day to listen, to learn, to keep your trust and to maintain your support.

### Alaskan Roots

I am a third generation Alaskan. My grandfather came to Alaska during the Gold Rush in 1898, not as a gold miner but as a riverboat pilot.

Our family has been working on riverboats all over Alaska ever since. Today our family operates stern wheel riverboats in Fairbanks. That is where my wife Judy and I were both born and where we got married 28 years ago.

In 1977 as newlyweds, we left Fairbanks and started a tug-and-barge business on the Yukon River in Western Alaska. We grew the business



and our family as we built a home and life. We relied on each other and raised our children in the small, tight-knit community of Bethel.

### Public Service

While we were still in the tug-and-barge business, I was elected to the Bethel City Council because I had the desire to help make our community a better place to raise our family.

I went on to run for the State House. Conventional wisdom said that a Republican could never get elected against an incumbent Democrat from such an overwhelmingly Democrat district. But I stuck to my Republican values. I worked hard and I was successful.

**“I am guided by my values, strong in my convictions and I have the courage to stay the course.”**

Two years later, I was elected to the Senate where I served in leadership as Co-Chairman of the Finance Committee. Serving in the Legislature, I gained the experience and the knowledge about how state government works and how to make it better.

### Stepping Back to Raise a Family

In 1990 with four young kids and a demanding schedule of travel around my district, Judy and I decided to step back from politics to raise our children.

For the last 15 years we have focused on our family. We have worked beside our children in a family business as they have grown up learning from their grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. It has been such a blessing to be a part of their lives every day and pass on to them the same values our parents passed on to us.



(Back) Judy and John, (Front, Left to Right) Ryan, Sabrina, James and Wade Binkley and Kai and John Sims.

In my family business I have lived the challenges that small businesses face in the private sector. I have made a payroll every two weeks for the last 25 years.

### The Values and Ideas That Guide Me

Let me share with you the values and ideas that guide me – the values I will bring to my leadership of the state.

They are: *family, faith, personal responsibility and accountability.*

The can-do spirit that built our state should be encouraged and not held down with excessive government regulation.

As Alaskans we can responsibly develop our resources and preserve the unique environment that makes our state such a special place to live.

### Experienced Leadership for Alaska's Future

My lifetime of experience, the strong work ethic I have and the values that guide me have prepared me for the monumental job as Governor of Alaska.

I bring you experienced leadership. I am guided by my values, strong in my convictions and I have the courage to stay the course.

I would appreciate your vote.

*John*