
PROFESSIONAL:

Chairman and CEO, Riverboat Discovery, 1991 – 2005. The Riverboat Discovery owns and operates the Riverboat Discovery III, a 900-passenger sternwheeler; the Discovery II, a 400-passenger sternwheeler; and the Discovery I, a 150-passenger sternwheeler. The Riverboat Discovery tour has been rated the #1 boat tour in North America.

President, El Dorado Gold Mine, 1993 – 2005. The El Dorado Gold Mine offers visitors an opportunity to experience gold mining history and a modern day mining operation.

Owner, Northwest Navigation, 1977 – 1986. Built, operated, and owned a business in Bethel, Alaska which hauled freight on the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers. Started with a leased tug and two barges and built into a substantial business with tugs, barges, stevedoring, local trucking, and construction. Eventually sold to Crowley Maritime.

GOVERNMENT:

Senator (R) District M, State of Alaska Legislature, 1986 – 1990. Served as Co-Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee (1986 – 1990); Chairman, Conference Committee on Budget (1988 – 1990); Chairman, Committee on Military & Veterans Affairs (1986 – 1990); Chairman, Sub-Committee on Commerce (1986 – 1990); and Co-Chairman, Special Senate Committee on High Seas Salmon Interception.

Representative (R) District 25, State of Alaska Legislature, 1985 – 1986. Served on House Finance Committee, House Fisheries Committee, Subsistence Committee; Chairman of the Special Committee on Alcohol Local Option Laws.

Bethel City Council, 1982 – 1985.

EDUCATION:

- University of Alaska Fairbanks: A.A.S. Maintenance Technology: Airframe and Powerplant
- Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan (Engineering)
- Lathrop High School, Fairbanks, Alaska

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Alaska Railroad Corporation: Chairman, Board of Directors, 1997 – 2006, Board Member, 1995 - 2006
- U.S. Delegation on High Seas Salmon Negotiations with Japanese: U.S. State

- State Department for U.S./U.S.S.R. Fisheries Negotiations: Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, 1988 – 1990
- Governor's High Seas Salmon Task Force: 1988 – 1990
- Bering Sea Commercial Fisheries Development Foundation: President, 1991 – 1998
- Alaska/Siberia Research Center: Board of Directors, 1990 – 2006
- Alaska Municipal League: Board of Directors, 1983 – 1985
- ENSTAR Natural Gas Board of Directors, 2001 - 2006
- Alaska Airlines Advisory Board, 2004 – 2006
- Doyon Tourism, 2004 - 2006
- American Heart Association: Chairman, ranked highest city per capita fund raising event in the nation, '03-'04
- Alaska Visitors Association: President, 1994 – 1995; Board member, 1991 – 2002
- United Way Prospector Club Chairman, 2002
- Bush/Cheney Finance Co-Chair for Alaska, 2003 - 2004
- Tundra Times Newspaper: Board of Directors, 1987 – 1993
- Office of Substance Abuse Prevention Advisory Board: U.S. Secretary of Health & Human Services, Presidential Appointment, 1990 – 1992
- Alaska Federation of Natives: Presidential Appointment to Blue Ribbon Commission on Status of Alaska Natives, 1989 – 1992
- U.S. Department of Interior: Regional Technical Working Group on Outer Continental Shelf Development, 1984 – 1986

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- **Interior Republican of the Year** presented by the Republican Women's Association
- **Top 25 Most Powerful Alaskans** presented by the Alaska Journal of Commerce
- **Northstar Award** presented by the Alaska Tourism Industry Association
- **Recognition Award** presented by the FAS/FAE Parent Support Group: Recognizing deep personal concern and landmark legislative efforts for Alaskan Children and Families affected by FAS/FAE
- **Recognition Award** presented by the Alaska Council On Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse: For Outstanding Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Efforts

PERSONAL:

- Date of Birth: February, 1953 in Fairbanks, Alaska
- Spouse: Judy Gray Binkley
- Children: Ryan and Sabrina, Kai and John Sims, Wade, James
- Grandchildren: Simon Binkley, born February, 2006. A second grandson is due in July.
- Interests: U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain (1971 – present); licensed private pilot (1977 – present); Licensed Aircraft Mechanic; Youth Hockey Manager and Coach; adult hockey player; licensed aircraft mechanic.

ORGANIZATIONS:

NRA: Life Member
Alaska Outdoor Council: Member
Safari Club International: Member
Alaska Miners Association: Member