

5.19.15: Kent's view is that in the client/attorney relationship, the client (DOT) is not obligated to take the attorney's (AGO) legal advice except with respect to litigation and settlement issues. I suggested that the client is the state of Alaska and that DOT & AGO are agents of the state. And that for the non-attorney to supplant the attorney's advice could be perceived as working outside the scope of our duties.

"The doctrines of absolute and qualified immunity protect public officials from tort suits for discretionary acts committed within the scope of their authority."