

McDowell Group Hires Thomson as Senior Research Analyst

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JUNEAU -- McDowell Group recently hired former newspaper editor Lori Thomson as a senior research analyst in its Juneau office. "Lori's research and writing skills, coupled with her extensive knowledge of Alaska, are an excellent fit for our firm," said McDowell Group Principal Susan Bell. "During her career, she has developed expertise and contacts in many of the subject areas that we specialize in."

Thomson worked as a journalist for 18 years, serving as managing editor of the Juneau Empire from 2003 to 2008. She came to Alaska in 1990 as a reporter for the Petersburg Pilot. As a reporter and editor, she covered the Southeast commercial fishing and timber industries extensively. She joined the Juneau Empire in 1995 as the newspaper's natural resources reporter, focusing on mining, timber, and commercial and sport fishing. She also spent about a year on a major reporting project that examined how Alaska Native corporations had affected Native people's lives and the state's economy.

"I am excited about using the research experience I gained as a reporter," Thomson said. "I also look forward to applying these skills to community and economic development projects."

Thomson graduated from Duke University in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in history. She earned a master's degree in print journalism from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1990.

McDowell Group has a full-time staff of 13 employees and offices in Anchorage and Juneau. The firm has provided research and consulting services to a wide array of government entities, private companies, and non-profit organizations since 1972.

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