

Gov. Hammond Appoints Edmund Burke to Superior Court

Governor Jay Hammond today announced the appointment of Judge Edmond W. Burke of Anchorage to the State Supreme Court. Burke, 40, has been a Superior Court Judge in the Alaska Court System since 1970.

He fills the vacancy on the Court created when Justice James Fitzgerald resigned to accept an appointment to the United States District Court.

Of the appointment Hammond said, "I think either of the men nominated by the Judicial Council would be a credit to the highest court in the State.

"Edmond Burke in my opinion has demonstrated the outstanding qualities we seek in our judges, and I am happy to be able to appoint him to the Supreme Court." Burke has been an Assistant Attorney General for Alaska and an Assistant District Attorney in Anchorage. He has also been in private practice in Anchorage, Santa Rosa,

California, and Red Bluff, California. Burke received his law degree from Hastings College of Law in San Francisco.

By statute the Judicial Council

must submit to the Governor two or more names from which the Governor selects the judge within 45 days. The Council made two recommendations for the vacancy

on the Supreme Court on February 13.

The newly appointed Supreme Court Justice is married and has one child.