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McNeil, Kavasharov pass Bar

By Patrick Anderson

Two Alaska Natives were identified as being among the seventy law school graduates who passed the July 1979 Alaska Bar Examination. A total of 101 hopefuls took the exam, which

must be successfully passed in order to practice law in Alaska.

Sarah Kavasharov, an Aleut who is currently working for the office of the Attorney General in Juneau, responded to the good news with a big "Hurray."

A May 1979 graduate of the law school at Boalt Hall, part of the University of California at Berkeley, Sarah plans to remain with the Attorney General's office for a while.

Part of her motivation for at-
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tending law school, which requires three years of study, involved wanting to study and understand the relationship between big business and the individual. She will continue those efforts with the Business Regulations division of the Attorney General's Office.

Born in the Matanuska Valley, Sarah currently resides in Juneau with one of her three daughters. She is a shareholder in the Cook Inlet Region, Inc.

Chris E. McNeil, Jr., a Tlingit from Juneau, is a familiar name to many in the state, having served as the Education Coordinator for the Tlingit and Haida Central Council, as a contributing author of the book, *Alaska Native Land Claims*, published by the Alaska Native Foundation, and as the current Corporate Secretary for the Sealaska Corporation, of which he is a shareholder.

A June 1978 graduate of the Stanford University Law School, Chirs also received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University and was a Ph.D. candidate at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, where he spent two and one-half years.

Chris plans to stay with the Sealaska Corporation. He lives in Juneau with his wife, Mary, who is also a graduate of the Stanford Law School, and their two children, Micah, age eleven, and Tasha, age five.

Sarah and Chris will be officially sworn as members of the Alaska Bar on November 9, 1979, at the Courthouse in Juneau. At that time, they will join four other Alaska Natives who have been identified as practicing law in the State of Alaska.

(Editor's Note: The author of this story, Patrick Anderson, is one of the four Alaska Natives

currently practicing law, having been admitted to the bar last year.)

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