

Sheffield appoints Fraties to Alaska Superior Court bench in Bethel

JUNEAU — Governor Bill Sheffield announced the appointment of Gail Roy Fraties to the Alaska Superior Court bench in Bethel. The veteran trial lawyer will replace Judge Christopher Cooke when he retires on June 15.

"I know Gail will carry on Judge Cooke's traditions of maintaining a strong judiciary in the Bethel area. His knowledge of the law and the people of this state are two assets that should make Gail a good judge," the Governor said.

Fraties, 58, has been an attorney for 19 years, most recently as a criminal prosecutor with the Alaska Department of Law in Anchorage. A native of California, he obtained his law degree from the University of San Francisco in 1966, two years before moving to Alaska.

As an attorney, Fraties has served as district attorney in Juneau, deputy district attorney in Monterey County, Calif., and in private practice in Juneau and Anchorage. He has been with the district attorney's office in Anchorage since July, 1983.