

# Claims Attorneys Ask \$7.1 Million-

## *Lawyer for Arctic Slope Native Assn. Asks \$3.41 Million*

Fairbanks lawyers Barry Jackson and Thomas Fenton, employed by the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) and the Tanana Chiefs Conference and

villages, are seeking nearly \$268,000 for their services.

Jackson and Fenton are two of 26 attorneys and consultants across the country who have

sent a collective \$7.1 million bill to the U.S. Court of Claims for helping put through the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Filings exceed by \$5.1 million the amount allotted.

The largest single bill came from Seattle attorney Frederick Paul. Paul, filling with the firm of Davis, Wright, Todd, Riese and Jones, is asking 3.41 million for services rendered and expenses.

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He represented the Arctic Slope Native Association. His father, also active in the work, is asking for \$250,000.

Others filing for various amounts and reasons include Anchorage lawyer Stanley J. McCutcheon, State Sen. Cliff Groh, former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg and California Sen. Thomas Kuchel.

According to the land claims bill, fees exceeding the \$2 million limit must be paid on a proportional basis. Allotments are determined by the chief commissioner of the court.

Consultants also exceeded their authorization. Some \$100,000 was set aside, and they are seeking a total of \$205,600.

Besides large bills for services, some attorneys and firms are asking for double payments. One such came from Anchorage lawyer James K. Tallman, representing Chanega Village, the Eyak tribe and the Nondalton-Lime Hill Indians, as well as the Indians Claims Commission. For the first bill, he wants \$47,500, and for the second, \$950,000.

Highest consultant fee is from Paul Dixon, working for the Association of Village Council Presidents. He wants nearly \$83,000.