

# Superior Court vacancy in Bethel

Applications are now being received for the position of Superior Court Judge in the Fourth Judicial District to fill the vacancy created by Judge Christopher R. Cooke's announced intention to retire, effective June 1986.

In a letter issued today to all active members of the Alaska Bar Association, Chief Justice Jay A. Rabinowitz invited interested persons to obtain application forms from the Alaska Judicial Council offices in Anchorage. The filing deadline for this position is 4:00 p.m., January 31, 1986.

A Superior Court Judge must be a citizen of the United States and the State; a resident of Alaska for at least five years immediately preceding ap-

pointment; engaged in the active practice of law for not less than five years immediately preceding appointment; and at the time of appointment be licensed to practice law in Alaska. For these purposes, the active practice of law is defined in AS 22.05.070.

Applications are reviewed by the Judicial Council, a seven-member state agency, which includes three attorneys, three private citizens, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who serves as Chairman. The Council then submits a list of two or more nominees to the Governor from which list the Governor appoints.

To be considered by the Council, each applicant must complete a 16-

page questionnaire covering all aspects of the applicant's personal and professional history. Applications must also include one legal writing example, letter of reference, and a medical certificate of good health.

Following the application closing date, all active members of the Alaska Bar Association will be surveyed regarding their evaluations of the qualifications of all applicants. At the same time, Judicial Council staff will conduct detailed investigations into the background, experience, and qualifications of the applicants.

Based on its review of the applications, the bar survey and the staff's in-

vestigations, the Council will then select those applicants to be interviewed. Nominations to the Governor immediately follow such interviews which, for the current vacancy, are tentatively scheduled to be held March 24, 1986 in Bethel.

Thereafter, the Governor has 43 days in which to decide whom he wishes to appoint from the Council's list of nominees.

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