

Land Claims Attorney Wins Suit Against Arctic Natives

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There are times when we wish the bill collectors would just go away, especially if one of them is an attorney who makes \$125 an hour.

If a State Superior Court decision holds, Seattle attorney Frederick Paul stands to collect a little over \$140,000 from the Arctic Slope Native Association, the North Slope Borough and the Cities of Barrow, Kaktovik,

Point Hope, Wainwright and Anaktuvuk Pass.

Paul sued the North Slope Natives to collect money he said he earned helping organize the North Slope Borough from August 1966 to October 1972, when

he was discharged. Although he entered a claim for about 3,200 hours, Judge Peter J. Kalamarides awarded him a settlement based on 1,143 hours of work.

The Natives claim that Paul's figures are inflated as a result of

duplication and overestimation, and that he is trying to collect for some work done by other legal experts.

Along with his father, William Paul, Sr., Paul gained

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fame representing Alaska Natives in their fight for a land claims settlement. Land claims lawyers filed claims for their lobbying and other legal efforts with the U.S. Government and were paid for their services out of funds appropriated by Congress.

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