

Pacific Legal Foundation opens new project office in Anchorage

Pacific Legal Foundation, a Sacramento based public interest law firm, has established a project office in Anchorage.

The foundation's goal is to litigate in defense of the free enterprise system and for the preservation of individual freedoms.

According to Anchorage staff attorney James Burling, the Foundation is actively involved in a number of lawsuits in Alaska where "the foundation is working to impart a balance between the protection of the environment and the critical need for resource development in the state."

Included among these efforts are representation of the Fairbanks Northstar Borough in defense of the state's mineral leasing system, and the defense of several mining associations in support of mineral development on federal lands in Alaska against a series of attacks by a coalition of environmentalist groups.

"It is because of the critical national need for Alaska resources and the evolution of environmental law in Alaska," Burling says, "that Pacific Legal Foundation determined it necessary to establish its Alaska office."