

Five village magistrates attend school in Colorado

Five village magistrates have been sent by the Alaska Court System to a two-week intensive school for trial judges conducted by the American Academy of Judicial Education in Boulder, Colo., this month.

The magistrates attending the school are: Richard Siangco of Juneau, who also serves Yakutat; Iris A. Lathrop, Tok; Karl Heiker, Cold Bay; David Bentley, Unalaska; and Maxine Savland, Hoonah.

The school, called the Trial Judges Academy, is being conducted by the American Academy of Judicial Education at the University of Colorado School of Law from July 11 to July 23. Subjects being covered during the two-week session for trial judges from all states include: search and seizure, with and without warrant; pre-trial release; standards of indigency; right to counsel; confessions; identification problems; plea bargaining; preliminary hearings; guilty pleas; trial proceeding; evidence; and the purpose, standards and procedures of sentencing.

The magistrates were sent to the academy as part of the continuing education program conducted by the court system for the magistrates who serve in villages throughout the state. Each year the court system send four or five magistrates to the formal educational programs conducted by the American Academy of Judicial Education. This is in addition to the annual magistrate training conferences conducted by the Alaska Court System each winter for all magistrates in the state.