

Alaska Legal Services Assigns Two Lawyers

Alaska Legal Services, which first opened its doors in Nome last March, last week assigned two lawyers to serve the Second Judicial District.

A special arrangement was developed between VISTA, which is funded under a special title from the Office of Economic Opportunity, and Alaska Legal Services Corporation, which is funded through the same office, to coordinate their programs.

It was through this cooperative effort that two young lawyers, who have volunteered to serve America, were sent to this area that has so few people with cash incomes above the federal poverty level.

Representatives of the villages, through local RCAP

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Community Action Centers, made it known to the Alaska Legal Services Board of Directors that their villages needed a legal services program that would bring the law to the people who did not have the means to come to the cities for legal services.

In response to their request, staff and members of the Boards of Alaska Legal Services and Rural Community Action Program together with VISTA in Alaska worked long and hard together.

As a result, 6 lawyers have been assigned in the rural areas of Alaska under the direction of Alaska Legal Services.

Mrs. Lela Oman, who joined the Alaska Legal Services staff on August 1, will serve as Secretary - Interviewer in the Nome Office.

Laurel Bland, who came to open Nome Office last March, has returned to her home in Anchorage, and will continue during the next few months to act as technical consultant and liaison to the Nome Office from the Alaska Legal Services offices in Anchorage.