Hugh J. Wade Appointed Solicitor

Alaska's former Secretary of State, Hugh J. Wade, will become the Department of the Interior's solicitor for Alaska. Wade began his new duties this week.

The announcement of Wade's appointment was made in Washington D.C. last week by Department

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Solicitor Frank J. Barry. Wade will succeed Harry O. Arend in the regional solicitor's office here. Arend was a former Alaska State Supreme Court Judge, and passed away last June.

Wade, 65, is also a former Alaska Area Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and became Secretary of State in the first statehood election along with the election of Gov. William A. Egan. He also served as Territorial Treasurer before statehood.

Wade said he will take the federal oath of office in Washington D.C., and then spend 10 days familiarizing himself with the office before returning to his office in Anchorage.

Wade will handle legal problems of the Interior Department in Alaska, which includes such departments as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, and others.