

# Five attorneys seek new Kotzebue judgeship

Five attorneys have submitted their applications to the Alaska Judicial Council in connection with the newly-created Superior Court judgeship for Kotzebue. The applicants are: William D. Cook (Anchorage), Paul B.

Jones (Anchorage), Irwin Ravin (Fairbanks), Edward Welch (Kotzebue), and Richard Whitaker (Ketchikan).

The Judicial Council will meet in March to interview each candidate. Following the inter-

views, the Council may submit the names of two or more well-qualified candidates to the Governor.

The Kotzebue judge will be ex-

pected to reside in Kotzebue and travel regularly to Barrow in order to conduct court business there, as well as to render assistance, as needed, in Nome, Beth-

el and other locations. The salary for the new office will be \$57,072 annually.

The Judicial Council is created under the state constitution as a judicial nominating commission to screen applicants for judicial office in order to assure the most qualified gubernatorial appointments.

The Council considers the applicants entire educational and professional experience and studies samples of his or her written legal work in addition to conducting an in depth interview of everyone who applies.

Persons wishing to express opinions concerning the Kotzebue judgeship, or the qualifications of any of the candidates should write to Michael L. Rubinstein, Executive Director, Alaska Judicial Council, 420 L Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99507.