

Reagan nominates Kleinfeld to U.S. District Court in Alaska

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Alaska Congressional Delegation was informed that the President has submitted the nomination of Andrew J. Kleinfeld to the U.S. Senate to be the new U.S. District Judge for Alaska.

Kleinfeld was one of three candidates nominated by the Alaska Delegation for the new federal trial court in Alaska which was created by Congress in 1984.

The other candidates were Justice Dan Moore and Judge James Singleton. The delegation's nominees were the top rated candidates in a 1985 bar pool conducted by the Alaska State Bar Association.

"I believe Andrew Kleinfeld will serve Alaska well," said Senator Frank Murkowski. "He has had a diverse private law practice in Fairbanks and has served as president of the Alaska State and Fairbanks Bar Associations. I'm confident the Senate will approve his nomination to this important federal judgeship."

"The President has made an ex-

vellent choice for this position," Congressman Don Young said. "All Alaskans will benefit by the addition of Judge Kleinfeld to the Alaska District."

"I am pleased that the Administration has moved so quickly to fill the new federal judgeship in Alaska," said Senator Ted Stevens. "The burden on the Alaska federal district court has increased substantially over the past few years and an additional judge's services are needed badly."

Kleinfeld received his law degree from Harvard University in 1969 and has served as a law clerk for Alaska Supreme Court Judge Jay Rabinowitz. In 1970, he began private practice and served as president of the Alaska State Bar Association from 1982 to 1983. "This new judgeship is badly needed due to the growing backlog of federal cases now clogging the judicial system," Murkowski said.

Kleinfeld's nomination has been submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee, which will conduct a hearing on the nomination.

"This process normally takes a minimum of one month and I expect the committee will act favorably on the nomination by the end of April," Murkowski said.