

# Governor appoints Curda to Bethel Superior Court

JUNEAU — Gov. Steve Cowper appointed Bethel assistant district attorney Dale Curda recently to a Bethel Superior Court judgeship vacancy created by the death in August of Gail Frates.

Curda, a nine-year Bethel resident, is a former magistrate and lawyer in private practice in the Kuskokwim River community. He has been an assistant district attorney since 1987, and he was one of two lawyers respon-

sible for prosecuting felony and misdemeanor cases in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

Curda, 47, was selected from three candidates nominated by the Alaska Judicial Council. The others were Fairbanks lawyer Jonathan Link and Anchorage lawyer Allison Mendel.

He is married and has two children. Curda will be paid about \$66,000 a year.