THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 197

Creating the Bethel
Judicial Service Area
within the Second and
Fourth Judicial Districts
and Appointing a Superior
Court Judge as Administrative Judge for the
Service Area.

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. In order to provide necessary judicial services to the Lower Yukon and Kuskokwim regions of the state and in recognition of the transportation and communication problems involved in providing such service from Nome and Fairbanks, the Bethel Judicial Service Area is created.
- 2. The Bethel Judicial Service Area shall consist of the region within the Second and Fourth Judicial Districts illustrated on the attached map and more particularly described as follows:
 - (a) Beginning at Cape Newenham, along the southern boundary of the Fourth Judicial District to the point at which that boundary crosses 156° longitude; then along a straight line northeast to and including Farewell; then along the South Fork of the Kuskokwim River to and including Medfra; then along a straight line west to Point Romanof; then along the coastal boundary to Cape Newenham, including all territorial waters of the state;
 - (b) Nunivak Island; and all surrounding territorial waters of the state;
 - (c) St. Matthew Island and all surrounding territorial waters of the state.
- 3. Superior Court Judge Eben H. Lewis is appointed as the Administrative Judge for the Bethel Judicial Service Area.
- 4. The Administrative Judge shall have the same duties and responsibilities within the Bethel Judicial Service Area as a Presiding Superior Court Judge within a judicial district.
- 5. The Administrative Judge shall have discretion to call grand juries to convene at Bethel at such times and from such locations within the Service Area as he deems appropriate.

6.: The court shall be entitled the Superior Court of Alaska for the Bethel Judical Service Area.

DATED:

EFFECTIVE DATE: Nunc pro tunc, December 1, 1973.

Justice

