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Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today announced the appointment of Richmond F. Allan of Billings, Mont., as an Associate Solicitor to head the Division of Indian Affairs in the Office of the Solicitor in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Allan, a native of Billings, has been an attorney with the Lands Division in the Department of Justice since February and now makes his home at Alexandria, Va., near Washington.

A cum laude graduate of Montana State University, where he received his bachelor of arts degree in 1955 and his bachelor of laws degree in 1957, Allan spent the year after his graduation from law school as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of London, where he studied international law, jurisprudence, and conflicts of law.

Upon returning to the United States he became law clerk to Judge Walter L. Pope, Chief Judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, San Francisco. From 1959 to 1961 he was partner in the Billings law firm of Kurth, Conner, Jones and Allan.

Mr. Allan was named Assistant United states Attorney for the District of Montana in 1961 and headed the Billings sub office of the United States Attorney, representing the Government in many cases involving Indian litigation. He resigned that position to join the Department of Justice in Washington.

While attending law school, Mr. Allan was on the Montana Law Review Staff and was associate editor in 1956-57. He won two awards for outstanding scholarship and, in 1957, was named winner of the Northwest Regional National Moot Court Championship.

Mr. Allan is a member of the Montana and District of Columbia bars and has been admitted to practice before the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States.

He is married to the former Dorothy Frost of Billings. They have two sons.

The new associate solicitor's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Allan, also of Billings, where the elder Mr. Allan is an assistant field solicitor for the Department of the Interior.