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Charles M. Soller, Department of Interior assistant solicitor for Indian Affairs, died of cancer October 25 in Washington, D.C. He had been a key legal adviser to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 20 years.

Seller received in September of this year the Interior Department's Superior Service Award for his work on behalf of Alaska Natives under the Alaska Native Claim Settlement Act. His compassion and sensitive response to need were cited in the award.

A native of Washington, Kansas, Soller was a graduate of the University of Kansas and the Michigan University Law School. He was an assistant attorney general for the State of Colorado before joining the Interior Department in 1954 as a regional counsel of the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska.

His family asked that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to a Charles M. Soller Alaska Native Scholarship Fund, administered by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.