

Doyon, Limited Names Senior Vice President of Administration

James R. Johnsen Named Senior Vice President of Administration



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Doyon President and CEO Norm Phillips, Jr. named James R. Johnsen Senior Vice President of Administration for Doyon. His start date is August 4, 2008.

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"I have known Jim for more than a decade and I am pleased that he has accepted our invitation to join Doyon," said President and CEO Norm Phillips, Jr. "His passion for helping people succeed is a perfect fit for our company. Jim will be an immediate asset as we continue our efforts to increase profitability and shareholder employment opportunities. We want to strengthen our relationship with the University of Alaska, and Jim is a big part of that process."

Doyon Board Chair Miranda Wright agreed. "We are thrilled to have someone of Jim's caliber come and work with us. His background in human relations and organizational communication will help us work with our shareholders and show them the many opportunities that exist in their company."

Johnsen is looking forward to new challenges at Doyon. "I am excited and humbled by the opportunity. Because Fairbanks is my home, I know how much Doyon enhances our community—socially, culturally and economically. I look forward to working with Doyon's strong board of directors, effective management team and dedicated staff."

Johnsen has risen through a series of executive roles over the past 25 years in and outside of Alaska. He brings more than a decade of high-level management experience at the University of Alaska (UA) to Doyon. He has served in a variety of roles at the university, including Vice President for Administration, and Chief of Staff to UA President Mark Hamilton.

"The university's loss is definitely Doyon's gain," Hamilton said. "Jim is very talented at moving complex organizations forward in a strategic and thoughtful manner, aligning actions with the organization's overall mission. I'll miss Jim's steady guidance here at UA, but wish him the best of luck at Doyon. I look forward to working with him in his new capacity very soon."

Johnsen has lived in Fairbanks for 12 years and in Alaska for more than 20. His wife Mary leads the Hospice of Tanana Valley, daughter Greta is the "Morning Edition" host on KUAC-FM, and son Jakob is entering his senior year at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Doyon, Limited is headquartered in Fairbanks, Alaska, and is one of the 13 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act regional corporations. Its mission is to continually enhance its position as a financially strong Native corporation in order to promote the economic and social wellbeing of its shareholders and future shareholders, to strengthen its Native way of life and to protect and enhance its land and resources. The corporation has more than 16,000 shareholders and is one of the largest private landowners in North America.

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