Laredo Man In Line For Judge's Post

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Laredo, Tex., lawyer of Latin American extraction has cleared one burdle on his way to appointment as Associate Chief Justice of American Samoa.

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United Press International learned that Vergilio Roel has been cleared by the office of territories in the Department of Interior for the post.

Roel's name was sent to the Civil Service Commission for further checks before transmission to the White House for formal nomination.

The post was recently created by the Samoan Territorial Government with consent of the Interior Department. It will not be come operative, however, until July 1.

A spokesman in the Department said no pay rate for the post has yet been set. He said the territorial legislature would presumably suggest a salary, which would have to be approved by the office of territories.