

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1378

Amending Section 3 of Alaska Bar Rule 5
concerning the attorney's oath.

IT IS ORDERED:

Section 3 of Alaska Bar Rule 5 is amended to read as follows:

Section 3. Upon receiving certification of the eligibility of an applicant the Supreme Court may enter an order admitting the applicant as an attorney at law in all the courts of the state and to membership in the Alaska Bar Association. Each applicant ordered admitted to the practice of law shall take the following oath before any state or federal judicial officer:

I do affirm:

I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska;

I will adhere to the Rules of Professional Conduct in my dealings with clients, judicial officers, attorneys, and all other persons;

I will maintain the respect due to courts of justice and judicial officers;

I will not counsel or maintain any proceedings ~~which shall appear to me to be~~ that I believe are taken in bad faith or any defense ~~except~~

~~such as I believe to be~~ that I do not believe is
honestly debatable under the law of the land;

I will ~~employ for the purpose of maintaining~~
~~the causes confided to me such means only as are~~
~~consistent with truth and honor~~ be truthful and
honorable in the causes entrusted to me, and will
never seek to mislead the judge or jury by an artifice
or false statement of fact or law;

I will maintain the confidences and preserve
inviolate the secrets of my client, and will not accept
~~no~~ compensation in connection with my client's
business except from my client or with my client's
knowledge or approval;

I will be candid, fair, and courteous before the
court and with other attorneys, and will advance no
fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party
or witness, unless ~~required by the justice of the cause~~
~~with which I am charged~~ I am required to do so in
order to obtain justice for my client;

I will ~~strive to~~ uphold the honor and ~~to~~
maintain the dignity of the profession, and will strive
to improve ~~not only~~ both the law ~~but~~ and the
administration of justice.

A certificate of admission shall thereupon be issued to the
applicant by the clerk of the court.

DATED: December 16, 1999

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 16, 1999

/s/

Chief Justice Matthews

/s/

Justice Eastaugh

/s/

Justice Fabe

/s/

Justice Bryner

/s/

Justice Carpeneti