

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1385

Amending Appellate Rule 602 to add new paragraph (b) concerning venue for appeals to the superior court and to re-letter existing paragraphs (b) through (i), and amending Appellate Rule 603(a)(2)[e] to correct cross-reference.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Appellate Rule 602 is amended to include new paragraph (b), which reads as follows:

(b) Venue.

(1) Appeals from the District Court. Venue for an appeal from a district court decision shall be at the superior court location within the same judicial district as the district court that would best serve the convenience of the parties.

(2) Appeals from Administrative Agencies. Unless otherwise provided by law, venue for an appeal from an administrative agency decision shall be at the superior court location that would best serve the convenience of the parties.

2. Existing paragraphs (b) through (i) of Appellate Rule 602 are redesignated as paragraphs (c) through (j), respectively.

3. The title of Appellate Rule 602 is amended to read as follows:

**Rule 602. Time – Venue – Notice – Bonds.**

4. Appellate Rule 603(a)(2)[e] is amended to read as follows:

[e] *Approval.* The clerk may approve a supersedeas bond upon filing if: (i) the bond is in the form prescribed above; (ii) the amount of the bond is 125% of the judgment or, if the judge has ordered a different amount, in the amount ordered by the judge; and (iii) the bond is in cash pursuant to Rule 602(~~f~~)(g) or is executed by approved surety companies. Otherwise, the judge must decide whether to approve the bond.

DATED: December 16, 1999

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 15, 2000

/s/  
Chief Justice Matthews

/s/  
Justice Eastaugh

/s/  
Justice Fabe

/s/  
Justice Bryner

/s/  
Justice Carpeneti

**New Appellate Rule 602(b)**  
**Venue for Appeals to the Superior Court**

Legislative Style – Shows Changes to Committee Proposal

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