

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 1725

Amending Administrative Rule 48
concerning costs of telephonic
hearings.

IT IS ORDERED:

Administrative Rule 48 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 48. Telephonic Hearing Costs.

(a) The party inconvenienced by holding a hearing telephonically shall pay the telephone cost of the hearing. The court shall pay the telephone cost if the judge is able to avoid traveling to the hearing. The defendant shall pay the cost if the civil defendant, criminal defendant who is not in custody, defense attorney or defense witness is able to avoid traveling to the hearing. The plaintiff or prosecution shall pay the cost if the plaintiff, prosecutor, witness for the plaintiff or prosecution, or criminal defendant who is in custody is able to avoid traveling to the hearing. When a hearing is set telephonically at the request of or for the convenience of more than one party, the court may order one of those parties to pay the cost and order the other inconvenienced parties to compensate that party for a portion of the cost.

(b) The administrative director may, by administrative bulletin, exempt particular categories of hearings from subsection (a) above.

DATED: March 4, 2010

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2010

/s/
Chief Justice Carpeneti

/s/
Justice Fabe

/s/
Justice Winfree

/s/
Justice Christen

/s/
Justice Stowers