

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 1749

Amending Child in Need of Aid
Rule 4(b) concerning authority of
masters.

IT IS ORDERED:

Child in Need of Aid Rule 4(b) is amended to read as follows:

Rule 4. Appointment and Authority of Masters.

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(b) Authority, Order of Reference.

(1) An order of reference specifying the extent of the master's authority and the type of appointment must be entered in every case assigned to a master. The order of reference must be served on all parties.

(2) The following proceedings may be referred to a master:

(A) emergency or temporary custody hearings;

(B) interim hearings, including temporary custody review hearings and pre-trial conferences;

(C) adjudication and disposition hearings;

(D) permanency hearings, post-disposition review hearings, and extension-of-custody hearings.

(3) Termination trials may not be referred to a master.

(4) A master's report is not binding until approved by a superior court judge pursuant to Civil Rule 53(d) and paragraph (f) of this rule, except:

(A) a master may enter orders without further approval of the superior court pursuant to Civil Rule 53(b) and (c), and by paragraph (d) of this rule; and

(B) a master's order of removal from the home is effective pending superior court review.

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DATED: January 20, 2011

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 15, 2011

/s/
Chief Justice Carpeneti

/s/
Justice Fabe

/s/
Justice Winfree

/s/
Justice Christen

/s/
Justice Stowers