

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 1924

Amending Alaska Bar Rule 5 to provide
a plain English oath.

IT IS ORDERED:

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

Rule 5. Requirements for Admission to the Practice of Law.

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Section 3. Upon receiving certification of the eligibility of an applicant, any state or federal judicial officer 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 swear or affirm:

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

I will respect courts of justice and judicial officers;

I will always be truthful and honorable in my practice of law;

I will not aid anyone in formulating or pursuing claims or defenses that are asserted in bad faith or are unfounded in fact or law;

I will never seek to mislead a judge, a jury, or another attorney by false statement or trickery;

I will be candid, fair, and courteous to courts, attorneys, parties, and witnesses;

I will not attack the honor or reputation of any person unless I am required to do so in order to obtain justice for my client;

Except as authorized or required by the Rules of Professional Conduct, I will preserve the secrets of my clients, and I will not engage in conduct that might impair my loyalty to a client;

I will uphold the honor and dignity of the legal profession;

And I will strive to improve both the law and the administration of justice.

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

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DATED: June 26, 2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2018

/S/
Chief Justice Stowers

/S/
Justice Winfree

/S/
Justice Maassen

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Justice Bolger

/S/
Justice Carney