

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 1948

Amending Administrative Rule 40
concerning cases published on
the public index.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Administrative Rule 40(a) is amended to read as follows:

Rule 40. Index to Cases.

(a) The court system shall maintain an index by last name of every party named in every case filed, regardless of whether a party's true name is protected in the public index under paragraphs (b) or (c) of this rule. The index must show the party's name, the case number, the case caption or title, the filing date, the case type, and other information required for that case type by court rule. The index may show the party's date of birth. The court system shall publish a public version of the index, which excludes only

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(12) cases, party names, or other case information that is required to be excluded or removed from the public index by statute.

2. Administrative Rule 40 is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

Rule 40. Index to Cases.

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(e) In addition to the cases that are excluded from the public index under subsection (a) of this rule, a judicial officer may order that specific cases be removed from the public index for a temporary time period if the judicial officer finds that maintaining the cases on the public index would detrimentally affect a criminal defendant's right to a fair and impartial jury. The temporary time period runs from one week prior to scheduled jury selection until the jury is discharged, the declaration of a mistrial, the dismissal of the case, or the entry of a guilty or nolo contendere plea.

DATED: July 25, 2019

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2019

/s/
Chief Justice Bolger

/s/
Justice Winfree

/s/
Justice Stowers

/s/
Justice Maassen

/s/
Justice Carney