

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
AT _____

Plaintiff,
v.

Defendant.

CASE NO _____

INFORMAL TRIAL AGREEMENT

My name is _____. I agree to the following:

- I want an informal trial process. I make this choice voluntarily and understand that both people involved in the case and the judge must agree to it.
- I understand that because the Rules of Evidence do not strictly apply, both sides can present any relevant evidence we think is important. The judge will decide how much weight to give the evidence provided.
- I understand I will not have the right to question the other side and the other side will not question me. Instead, the judge will ask both of us questions about the issues in the case. Each side may suggest topics or questions for the judge to ask about.
- I understand that most of the time, the two people in the case are the only witnesses. Sometimes a party needs an expert witness (someone with special training and education) to give an opinion, which is allowed in informal trials. The parties may ask experts questions. Other witnesses may testify only if the judge agrees they are needed.
- I understand that lawyers may not ask the parties questions, but may question expert witnesses. Lawyers may also make opening statements, identify the issues, and make short arguments about the law at the end of the case.

I have read this document, and I understand and agree to an informal trial.

Signature

Date

I certify that a copy of this *Notice* was mailed given to
 Plaintiff Plaintiff's attorney Defendant Defendant's attorney.
Signature: _____ Date: _____