

Beginning July 1, Courts Will Close Every Friday Afternoon

Beginning July 1, 2016, the Alaska Court System will close courts statewide every Friday at noon to reduce operating costs. In most communities, a judicial officer will be on call to handle the following emergency and time-critical proceedings: petitions for a domestic violence protective order or other emergency protective order, petitions for involuntary mental commitment, petitions for emergency guardianship or conservatorship, and initial temporary custody hearings in CINA cases. Contact information for the on-call judge will be posted at those courthouses where judicial officers are on call.

The Anchorage Domestic Violence Office, located in the Boney Courthouse, will remain open Friday afternoons. The Anchorage Jail Court will continue to hold in-custody arraignments and bail hearings at 1:00 p.m. (municipal cases) and 2:30 p.m. (State cases) every Friday afternoon. In addition, a court employee will staff message phones in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau to process filings in emergency and time-critical proceedings.

- Anchorage Courts Friday Afternoon Message phone: 907-264-0550
- Fairbanks Courts Friday Afternoon Message phone: 907-455-9149
- Juneau Courts Friday Afternoon Message phone: 907-463-4715

Any filing that is due on a Friday will be considered timely filed if it is filed by the close of business on the next regular business day. *See* [SCO 1875](#) (amending Civil Rule 6(a), Criminal Rule 40(a), and Appellate Rule 502(a) on a temporary basis). Effective March 9, 2021, Friday is deemed a "legal holiday" for the purposes of time computation. *See* [SCO 1875 \(Amended\)](#) (further amending Civil Rule 6(a), Criminal Rule 40(a), and Appellate Rule 502(a) on a temporary basis).

You can also contact local law enforcement to ask them to help you request an emergency protective order, which if granted will be in effect for 72 hours.