

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA



ALASKAN ADVENTURE TOURS,) Supreme Court No. S-14483 INC., KIMBERLY RIEDEL-) BYLER, aka KIMBERLY C. RIEDEL, K. CHRISTINA RIEDEL and/or KIMBERLY) Trial Court Case #1JU-08-438 BYLER, and ABC LEASING, LLC,

Appellants,

vs.

THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF YAKUTAT,

Appellee.



APPEAL FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT JUNEAU, THE HONORABLE PATRICIA A. COLLINS, PRESIDING

> APPELLANTS' EXCERPT OF RECORD VOLUME 1 OF 2

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA FREY DISTRICT AT JUNEAU .

The City and Borough of Yakutat

Plaintiff,

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vs.

Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc.

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Case No: 1JU-08-434CI

COMES NOW plaintiff, the City and Borough of Yakutat, by and through its counsel of record, Hedland, Brennan & Heideman, and for its complaint against defendant Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc., alleges as follows:

- 1. Plaintiff is a home rule borough located within the First Judicial District, State of Alaska.
- 2. Defendant is, upon information and belief, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Alaska and was, at all relevant times, engaged in business within the City and Borough of Yakutat, namely running a fishing charter and hunting guiding business.
- 3. The City and Borough of Yakutat has duly, regularly and in all respects properly assessed a sales tax of four percent (4%) on the sale of goods and services made within the Borough, and a transient accommodation tax of eight percent (8%) for overnight lodging provided within the Borough.

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Pursuant to the Code of the City and Borough of Yakutat (CCBY), under Sections 6.40.080 and 6.52.050 respectively, a seller is to file a sales tax return, and a transient accommodation tax return, and pay taxes due, for each quarter of each year.

- 4. In 2007, defendant engaged in the sale of services, and the provision of overnight lodging, within the City and Borough of Yakutat, but failed to file tax returns or pay the taxes due as required by Borough Code.
- 5. Pursuant to CCBY 6.40.110(B)(2) and 6.52.070(B)(2), the City and Borough of Yakutat made sales and transient accommodation tax assessments against the defendant based upon an estimate of the gross revenue received by the defendant, for the second quarter and a portion of the third quarter of 2007. The total of the principal amounts due, along with interest and penalties, as provided for under CCBY 6.40.110(A) and 6.52.070(A), are set out below.

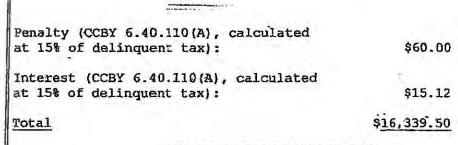
SALES TAX

Second Quarter		
Principal Amount of Tax:	\$12,944.00	
Penalty (CCBY 6.40.110(A),		
calculated at 15% of delinquent tax):	\$1,941.60	
Interest (CCBY 6.40.110(A), calculated at 15% of delinquent tax from Aug. 1,		
2007 through Jan. 31, 2008):	\$978.78	
Third Quarter (Partial Only)		
Principal Amount of Tax:	\$400.00	

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TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATION TAX

\$2,152.00
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\$322.80
\$162.72
\$56.00
\$8.40
\$2.12
\$2,704.04

- 6. Under CCBY 6.40.140 and 6.52.130, delinquent sales and transient accommodation taxes, interest and penalty, constitute a lien in favor of the Borough upon all of the real and personal property of the entity owing the tax.
- 7. For the delinquent taxes, plaintiff recorded a Notice of Tax Lien on December 14, 2007 in the Juneau Recording District, as document number 2007-008029-0, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by

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ND, BRENNAN & HEIDEMAN A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION WEST NINTH AVENUE, SUITE 300 CHORAGE, ALASKA, 99501-2218 (907) 279-6528 reference.

8. Plaintiff is entitled to an order of foreclosure of its lien upon the defendant's real and personal property, and a judgment against the defendant for any sums remaining due following said foreclosure.

Wherefore plaintiff requests relief as follows:

- For foreclosure of plaintiff's tax lien, described in Exhibit A hereto;
- for judgment against defendant for any remaining unpaid sales tax and transient accommodation tax, interest and penalties due following said foreclosure;
- for an award of costs, interest and attorney fees;
- for such other relief as the court deems just and equitable.

DATED this 13 day of February, 2008.

HEDLAND, BRENNAN & HEIDEMAN Attorneys for Plaintiff

Bv:

Sara E. Heideman, ABA No.8511161

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THIS MATTER IS FORMALLY
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KEITH LEVY
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT JUNEAU

The City and Borough of Yakutat

Plaintiff,

VS.

Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc.,

) Case No. 1JU-08-434 CI

ANSWER

Comes now defendant, Alaskan Adventure Tours,
Inc., by and through counsel of record, Ingaldson, Maassen
& Fitzgerald, P.C., and for its answer avers as follows:

- Paragraph 1 of the Complaint calls for a legal conclusion for which no response is necessary.
- 2. Defendant admits that it is a corporation. duly organized under the laws of the state of Alaska. Otherwise, the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the Complaint are argumentative and call for legal conclusions for which no response is necessary.
- Paragraph 3 of the Complaint calls for legal conclusions for which no response is necessary.
 - 4. Denied.

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- Paragraph 5 of the Complaint calls for legal conclusions for which no response is necessary.
- Paragraph 6 of the Complaint calls for legal conclusions for which no response is necessary.
- 7. Based upon information and/or belief, plaintiff recorded a Notice of Tax Lien on or about December 14, 2007.
- 8. Denied. Further, paragraph 8 of the Complaint calls for legal conclusions for which no response is necessary.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

I.

Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

II.

Plaintiff's claim lacks factual and/or legal merit.

III.

Defendant reserves the right to assert such additional affirmative defenses as may become known through the course of discovery.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered, defendant prays for judgment as follows:

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- that plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed and that it take nothing thereby;
- for defendant's reasonable attorney fees and court costs; and
- 3) for such additional relief as the court deems just and proper.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska March 10, 2008.

INGALDSON, MAASSEN & FITZGERALD, P.C. Attorneys for Defendant

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STATE OF ALASKA, FIRST DISTRICT
AT JUNEAU

CITY AND BOROUGH OF YAKUTAT,

Plaintiff,

VS.

ALASKA ADVENTURE TOURS, INC.,

Defendant.

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ORDER

File No. 2011 Cal:

I. Introduction

The City and Borough of Yakutat sued Alaska Adventure Tours, Inc. (AAT) claiming that in 2007 AAT failed to pay Yakutat taxes and penalties, failed to produce business records required under the Yakutat Code, and did business in Yakutat without obtaining a Borough business license. Yakutat moved for summary judgment as to AAT's liability for the taxes, penalties, and interest owed. Yakutat also moved to compel discovery responses.

AAT raises three issues in opposition to the motion. First, AAT argues that it is merely a booking agent operating outside of Yakutat's physical boundaries and therefore not subject to the Yakutat tax provisions. Second, AAT asserts that, even if it is subject to the tax, there is a factual dispute about liability because some of the services it provided took place outside of Yakutat. Third, AAT argues it contracted to have another corporation pay any local taxes for which AAT might be liable.

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AAT claims factual disputes regarding these issues preclude summary judgment.

The court finds that, even accepting the facts as alleged by AAT, the Yakutat Code provisions apply to AAT's business activities in 2007. Because AAT furnished services within the Borough, Yakutat is entitled to summary judgment. Since Yakutat is entitled to summary judgment, the motion to compel is moot.

II. Applicable Yakutat Tax Code Provisions

Yakutat has adopted a sales tax¹, a tax on overnight lodging², and a requirement that businesses obtain a license from Yakutat before conducting business in Yakutat³.

The four percent Yakutat sales tax applies to "all sales and rents made wholly or partially in the Borough," and "all services performed in the Borough." A service is considered to have been performed within the borough if the service, or any part of the service, is "performed, rendered, or furnished within the Borough." Subject to certain exemptions not applicable here, the Yakutat sales tax is meant to be interpreted broadly and applied to all sales, rents, and services made or performed wholly or partially in the Borough to the maximum extent constitutionally permissible. In addition to the sales tax, Yakutat imposes an eight percent tax for overnight lodging within the borough.

¹ Yakutat Code, Chapter 6.40.

² Yakutat Code, Chapter 6.52.

³ Yakutat Code, Chapter 1.28.

⁴ Yakutat Code § 6.40.020.

⁵ Id.

⁶ Id.

A-business is required to collect the sales and overnight accommodation taxes at the time of the transaction or at the time of collection if it is a credit transaction. The business must maintain records relating to taxable transactions and is subject to audit of records relating to those transactions. A business that is delinquent in payment of the taxes is liable for a penalty of five percent of the delinquent tax per month and interest of 15 percent per year. Delinquent taxes constitute a lien on the property of the person owing the tax and the lien remains until the tax is satisfied. If a business does not produce records as required, Yakutat may make an estimated assessment of the taxes due and institute a civil action to collect those taxes.

The owner of any business operating in Yakutat must pay for and obtain a business license. ¹³ Failure to obtain a business license subjects the business to penalties of up to \$500 per day, and the fees and penalties constitute a lien in favor of Yakutat. ¹⁴

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⁷ Yakutat Code § 6.52.020.

⁸ Yakutat Code §§ 6.40.060 and 6.052.030.

⁹ Yakutat Code §§ 6.40.130, 6.40.180, and 6.52.120.

¹⁰ Yakutat Code §§ 6.40.110 and 6.52.070.

¹¹ Yakutat Code §§ 6.40.140 and 6.52.130.

¹² Yakutat Code §§ 6.40.110(B)(2) and 6.52.070(B)(2).

¹³ Yakutat Code § 1.28.010.

¹⁴ Yakutat Code §§ 1.28.030 and 1.28.110.

III. Facts and Proceedings

Alaska Adventure Tours, Inc. (AAT) is owned and operated by Kimberly Riedel.

In its online web site AAT advertises that it conducts hunting trips in Prince Williams

Sound. The trips are operated from a vessel and include meals and lodging. The web site describes Riedel as one of two licensed boat captains, a licensed sport fishing guide, a licensed big game guide, and the chef. It describes her husband, Darren Byler, as the other boat captain, a registered big game guide, general manager, and head of vessel maintenance and engineering.

In 2007 Byler was licensed to provide big game guiding services in Game

Management Unit 6, Guide Use Area 1, which is located almost entirely within the City
and Borough of Yakutat. Byler filed a 2007 Guide Use Area Registration Application
stating that he would be providing hunting services for AAT. The records for Byler's
2007 hunts show that the hunts were conducted by AAT. Byler states that portions of the
hunts took place outside the Borough, but he does not dispute that the hunts were
conducted at least in part within the Borough.

In February, 2007, in another legal proceeding, Byler testified under oath that he is the general manager of AAT and that he transferred all of his assets to AAT. He testified that AAT contracts with and charges the clients. He also testified that AAT pays him for his services by providing him with room and board and paying for all of his expenses.

Contrary to Byler's testimony, the AAT web site, and the AAT hunt records,

Riedel states in her affidavit that in 2007 AAT served only as a booking agent for clients
booking hunts with Byler's Alaska Wilderness Adventures, Inc. (BAWA). BAWA, not a

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party to this litigation, is owned and operated by Riedel's husband, Darren Byler. Riedel claims that, as the booking agent, she would contact clients to book the services of BAWA. She claims all of these contacts took place either before 2007 or outside of the physical boundaries of Yakutat. In support of this claim, AAT produced a written contract executed January 5, 2007, between AAT and BAWA. The contract states that, for the 2007 spring and fall hunting season, AAT leased vessels and equipment to BAWA. AAT agreed to collect all proceeds for the 2007 hunts and pay those proceeds to

In April, 2007, Yakutat gave AAT formal notice of violations of the Yakutat Code. Yakutat alleged that AAT was providing registered guiding services and related lodging within the Borough but had failed to obtain a Yakutat business license and failed to file sales tax and transient accommodation tax returns. Yakutat gave AAT 20 days to correct the alleged violations.

BAWA, minus a 50 percent commission.

Having received no response from AAT, Yakutat gave AAT notice that it would conduct an audit of AAT's records. Yakutat asked AAT to appear at the Borough offices with records of its business activities. Byler called Yakutat (apparently acting on behalf of AAT) and stated that AAT would not file Borough tax returns because Byler operated the hunts from a vessel. Yakutat sent another letter to AAT, again requesting AAT to cooperate with an audit. AAT did not respond.

Yakutat made an estimated assessment of AAT's tax liability, including interest and penalties, and submitted the assessment to AAT. AAT did not object to the assessment. Yakutat subsequently recorded a tax lien for AAT's tax liability. Yakutat

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notified AAT that, beginning December 17, 2007, it would impose a penalty of \$150 per day for failure to produce records in response to the audit notification, and an additional \$100 per day for failure to obtain a borough business license. Yakutat calculated the principal of AAT's 2007 tax liability as follows: sales tax \$26,053 and transient accommodation tax \$3,992. AAT has never filed a Borough tax return, paid the tax liability, or obtained a Borough business license.

Yakutat filed this law suit in February, 2008. It submitted to AAT two requests for admission. The first asked AAT to admit that AAT "undertook business within the Boundaries of the City and Borough of Yakutat in calendar year 2007." The second asked AAT to admit that it "did not obtain or possess a business license issued by the City and Borough of Yakutat at any time during calendar year 2007." AAT did not respond to these requests, and therefore they are deemed admitted under Civil Rule 36(a).

IV. Standard for Summary Judgment

Summary judgment is appropriate if there is no issue of material fact and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.¹⁵ The court must draw all reasonable inferences of fact in favor of the non-moving party.¹⁶ The moving party bears the initial burden of proving through admissible evidence (1) the absence of genuine factual disputes, and (2) its entitlement to judgment as a matter of law.¹⁷ Once the

¹⁵ Civil Rule 56(c).

¹⁶ McGlothlin v. Municipality of Anchorage, 991 P.2d 1273, 1277 (Alaska 1999).

¹⁷ Id.

moving party has established a prima facie case, "the non-movant is required, in order to prevent entry of summary judgment, to set forth specific facts showing that he could produce admissible evidence reasonably tending to dispute or contradict the movant's evidence, and thus demonstrate that a material issue of fact exists." The party opposing summary judgment does not have to establish that he or she will prevail at trial, but only that there exists a genuine issue of fact to be litigated.

V. Analysis

As a home rule borough, Yakutat has broad authority to levy taxes and impose liens to enforce them. AAT does not challenge this authority, but argues that the nature of AAT's business activities and its contractual relationship with BAWA make it immune from Yakutat's claims.

1. AAT Sold or Furnished Services In Yakutat

AAT argues that it is not subject to Yakutat's taxing authority because it is merely a booking agent operating outside of Yakutat and did not conduct business in Yakutat. It claims that BAWA, not AAT, provided the services in Yakutat, and therefore BAWA is liable for any taxes arising out of the hunts contracted for by AAT. According to AAT, summary judgment is inappropriate because there is a factual dispute about whether AAT conducted business in Yakutat.

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¹⁸ Id.

¹⁹ Alaska Rent-A-Car, Inc. v. Ford Motor Co., 526 P.2d 1136, 1139 (Alaska 1974).

²⁰ AS 28.35.010(6).

By not responding to Yakutat's requests for admission, AAT conceded that it undertook business within the boundaries of Yakutat in 2007. Consistent with this admission, AAT stated on its web sight that Riedel, the owner and operator of AAT, actually participates in the hunting trips as a boat captain, hunting and fishing guide, and chef. The hunt records indicate that the hunts were conducted by AAT, not BAWA. Byler testified under oath (in another legal proceeding) that BAWA does not exist, that he is the general manager of AAT, and that AAT pays all of his expenses. As a matter of law, these facts, if undisputed, would support the conclusion that AAT was conducting hunting trips in Yakutat in 2007 and subject to the Yakutat tax provisions.

Contrary to the foregoing, AAT argues that it was merely a booking agent for BAWA and did not do business in Yakutat in 2007. Because Yakutat is the party seeking summary judgment, the court is required to draw all reasonable inferences of fact in favor of AAT. Riedel stated in her affidavit that AAT was the booking agent for BAWA. The only evidence supporting this statement is the written agreement between AAT and BAWA. But the agreement shows that AAT was more than a booking agent. Besides booking clients, the agreement required AAT to lease vessels and equipment to BAWA for hunts, supply BAWA with food and fuel for the hunts, collect all fees for the hunts, and pay all expenses and federal taxes associated with the hunts. The agreement was for hunts conducted in Game Management Unit 6, which is primarily in Yakutat. Thus, Riedel's testimony that AAT was only a booking agent is not supported by the record, and is therefore insufficient to create a material factual dispute. But even if the court were to accept AAT's factual assertion and disregard AAT's binding admission that it Alaska Court System

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conducted business in Yakutat in 2007, summary judgment would be appropriate. This is because the relevant Yakutat Code provisions apply to AAT even if AAT was a booking agent as it claims.

Viewed in the light most favorable to AAT, the material facts are as follows:

Riedel, as owner of AAT, contacted clients directly or through the internet to provide hunting trips in 2007. These contacts took place outside of Yakutat, but the trips took place in Game Management Unit 6, Guide Use Area 1, which is within the physical boundaries of the City and Borough of Yakutat. AAT owns the vessel on which the trips took place and that vessel is based in Icy Bay, which is located within Yakutat. AAT contracted with the clients to furnish the trips, equipment, and related services. The clients paid AAT for those services. AAT provided the services by contracting with BAWA and the services were provided at least in part within the physical boundaries of Yakutat.

The Yakutat sales tax applies to "all services performed in the Borough." A service is considered to have been performed within the borough if the service, or any part of the service, is "performed, rendered, or furnished within the Borough." The dictionary definition of the term "furnish" includes "to provide for," "to provide what is necessary for," "to fulfill or satisfy the needs of," and "to equip." Notwithstanding its

²¹ Yakutat Code § 6.40.020.

²² Id.

²³ Webster's New International Dictionary (1930).

claim that it was merely a booking agent, AAT furnished services in Yakutat by providing and equipping clients with everything necessary to conduct hunting, fishing, and sightseeing trips in Yakutat.

AAT argues that BAWA, a separate corporation owned and operated by Riedel's husband, furnish the hunting services in Yakutat. Byler testified that he was retained and paid by AAT, leaving no dispute that AAT was conducting business within the Borough. But even if AAT hired Byler's corporation as a contractor and not Byler as an employee, that does not relieve AAT of liability under the Yakutat Code.

AAT insists that BAWA is the only entity required to pay any taxes arising out of the hunts conducted by BAWA even though BAWA did not contract with the clients or collect payment from the clients. The Yakutat Code requires a seller to add the sales tax to the selling price that the seller collects, either at the time of the sale or at the time of collection. The Code defines the term seller to mean "every individual or entity, whether acting as principal, agent, or broker, making sales or renting property to, or performing services for, a buyer." In other words, under the Code, the seller of the service is not necessarily the entity that performs the service. It includes the agent or broker making the sale. Under AAT's rendition of the facts, AAT was a seller providing hunting trips in Yakutat on behalf of BAWA. AAT may be correct in its assertion that BAWA is liable for the tax as a seller because it provided services in Yakutat. But AAT

²⁴ Yakutat Code § 06.40.060(A).

²⁵ Yakutat Code § 06.40.010(D).

was also a seller in these transactions because it acted as BAWA's agent to equip, sell, and collect the fees for hunting services performed in Yakutat.

The Yakutat Code explicitly requires the court to interpret the tax provisions broadly and apply them to all services performed in the borough, to the maximum extent constitutionally permissible. AAT's interpretation of the Code is inconsistent with the Code's explicit intent. By hiring and paying BAWA to provide services in Yakutat, AAT conducted business in Yakutat and subjected itself to liability under the Yakutat Code.

2. Services Performed In Part Within Yakutat Are Subject To Taxation

AAT argues that, even if the Yakutat tax provisions apply to the business activities at issue here, summary judgment is inappropriate because not all of the services and accommodations were provided within the Borough. In his affidavit, Byler states that "some of the services provided by BAWA to clients occurred outside the claimed Borough jurisdiction." But AAT does not dispute Yakutat's claim that, for each hunt, the services were provided in part within the Borough's physical boundaries.

The Yakutat Code provides that a service is considered to have been performed within the borough if the service, "or any part of the service," is performed, rendered, or furnished within the Borough.²⁷ AAT argues the court should interpret this provision to mean that when a service is performed partially within the Borough the tax applies only

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²⁶ Yakutat Code § 6.40.020.

²⁷ Id.

to that portion of the service. Presumably the Borough would be obligated to apportion the tax on the basis of the percentage of the service performed in the Borough.

AAT's interpretation of the Code is inconsistent with the plain meaning of the ordinance. Yakutat taxes all services performed or furnished within the Borough.

Section 6.40.020 of the Code explicitly states that a service is considered to have been performed in the Borough if any part of the service is performed in the Borough. The Code does not create a method of apportionment, nor does it mention apportioning the tax according to the percentage of the service performed in the Borough. In the absence of evidence that the Code means something other than what it plainly says, the court must reject AAT's interpretation of this provision. A service performed partially in Yakutat is fully taxable by the Borough.

Byler's affidavit concedes that at least a portion of the services were provided in the Borough. AAT conceded as much by failing to respond to Yakutat's request that it admit that it conducted business in Yakutat in 2007. The hunt records show that the hunts took place in Game Management Unit 6, within Yakutat's boundaries. The hunts were conducted by a vessel based in Icy Bay, also within Yakutat's boundaries. The fact that a portion of each hunt may have taken place partially outside the Borough boundaries does not relieve AAT of its obligations under the Yakutat Code provisions.

At oral argument AAT asserted that Yakutat may not constitutionally tax all of a service if only a portion of the service takes place within the Borough. AAT did not brief this argument nor did it cite any authority supporting the claim that taxing the full value

Alaska Court System Page 12 of 15 of a service that is provided partly in the Borough is unconstitutional. Even if AAT did not waive its constitutional claim by failing to brief it, that claim lacks merit.

The outer limits of a borough's taxing power are defined by the Commerce and Due Process Clauses of the United States Constitution. The Commerce Clause prohibits the borough from imposing a tax that discriminates against interstate or foreign commerce. It is implicated only where the taxpayer makes an affirmative showing that the property taxed by one jurisdiction may be similarly taxed in another jurisdiction. AAT does not assert that the services sought to be taxed here are subject to taxation elsewhere, so there is no Commerce Clause violation.

With respect to the Due Process Clause, the only question is whether the tax "has relation to opportunities, benefits, or protection conferred or afforded" by the taxing authority.³¹ The Due Process Clause does not require the taxing authority to apportion a personal property tax according to the amount of time the property is located within the jurisdiction of the taxing authority during the tax year.³²

Yakutat imposes a tax on services provided in part within the Borough. The amount of the tax imposed by Yakutat is determined by the full value of the service even if some of the service is performed outside the Borough. AAT does not dispute that there

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²⁸ Kenai Peninsula Borough v. Arndt, 958 P.2d 1101, 1102-1103 (Alaska 1998).

²⁹ Id.

³⁰ Id.

³¹ Id., quoting Ott v. Mississippi Valley Barge Line Co., 336 U.S. 169, 174 (1949).

³² Id.

is a nexus between the opportunities, benefits, and protections afforded by the Borough when a service is provided within the Borough. The nexus is not diminished by the fact that only a portion of the service is provided within the Borough. Because the nexus requirement is met, the Yakutat tax on services performed partly within the Borough does not violate the Due Process Clause.

3. AAT May Not Contract Away Its Tax Liability

AAT's final argument is that it cannot be held liable for taxes in Yakutat because it signed a contract with BAWA obligating BAWA to pay any local taxes associated with its guiding operations. BAWA contractually agreed to hold AAT harmless for any such obligations. AAT cites no authority for the notion that it may contract away its tax liability. At oral argument, AAT conceded it may not do so. As between AAT and BAWA, AAT may have a cause of action to recover from BAWA any taxes it is required to pay to Yakutat. But that contractual relationship has no bearing on Yakutat's right to collect from AAT taxes owed by AAT to Yakutat.

VI. Conclusion and Order

By failing to respond to Yakutat's requests for admission, AAT admitted that it conducted business in Yakutat in 2007. The factual record supports that admission.

AAT contracted with clients to conduct hunts in Yakutat in 2007. It supplied the vessel, equipment, food, fuel, and guide. It collected the fees for the hunts. Even if AAT was a booking agent for the guide, the Yakutat tax provisions still apply to those transactions.

And even if the hunts took place only partially within Yakutat, the Yakutat Code makes

Alaska Court System Page 14 of 15 the value of those hunts taxable. AAT has failed to meet the burden of showing that such a taxing scheme is unconstitutional.

Yakutat's motion for summary judgment is granted. Yakutat is entitled to judgment for sales tax of \$26,053, transient accommodation tax of \$3,992, and taxes, penalties, and interest provided for under the Yakutat Code. Yakutat shall prepare and file a proposed judgment within 10 days of distribution of this order. Within 10 days after Yakutat serves the proposed judgment, AAT may file any objections.

Dated this 14 day of October, 2008.

Keith B. Levy District Court Judge

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TOTAL JUDGMENT

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	Defendant) Case No: 1JU-08-434 CI)
	FINAL	JUDGMENT
	In accordance with this	Court's October 14, 2008 Order
gra	nting summary judgment,	
	1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED	THAT JUDGMENT IS HEREBY ENTERED in
fav	or of the plaintiff, the (City and Borough of Yakutat, and
aga	inst the defendant, Alaskan	Adventure Tours, Inc., as follows:
a.	Principal amount	\$30,045.00
b.	Prejudgment Interest	\$ 4,443.11
c.	Tax penalties	\$ 4,506.75
d.	Audit penalties:	\$46,650.00
e.	Sub-Total:	\$85,644.86
f.	Attorney Fees	\$
	Date Awarded:	
	Judge:	
g.	Costs	\$
	Date Awarded:	

i. Post-Judgment Interest Rate 7.75% per annum, from October 25, 2008 until paid in full.

2. The tax lien filed by plaintiff in the Juneau Recording District, as Document No. 2007-008029-0, is hereby foreclosed in the amount of this judgment, plus post-judgment interest, against all of the real and personal property of the defendant as of December 14, 2007, or as thereafter acquired.

DATED at Juneau, Alaska, this 26 day of November, 2008.

By:

KEITH B. LEVY

District Court Judge

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF.

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Defendant.

MOTION FOR ORDER DETERMINING THAT SPECIFIC PROPERTY PROPERTY, AND FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

COMES NOW plaintiff City and Borough of Yakutat and, pursuant to Civil Rul 69(c) and Civil Rule 65, moves for an order determining that certain specific propert purportedly transferred by defendant Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc. ("AAT") remain the property of AAT because such transfers were void fraudulent conveyances, for a order restraining disposition of such property, and for an order requiring AAt's so shareholder, Kimberly Riedel a/k/a Kimberly Byler to appear and show cause as to wl she should not be held in contempt for falsely answering questions put to her during the judgment debtor examination conducted in this action on February 23, 2008.

This motion is based upon the accompanying memorandum and the exhibthereto, together with affidavits of counsel.

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DATED AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA this day of March, 2009.

HEDLAND, BRENNAN & HEIDEMAN Attorneys for the City and Borough of Yakutat

James T. Brennan, ABA No. 7610080

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THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF YAKUTAT,

Plaintiff,

VS.

ALASKAN ADVENTURE TOURS,

Defendant.

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20		a business a known business model.
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22		of 2007, what was the purpose for ABC Leasing?
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24		equipment.
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1		business, you were aware that the City of
2		Yakutat had provided formal notice to your
3		other business, Alaska Adventure Tours, Inc.,
4		that it owed city taxes, right?
5	Α	No, I wasn't aware.
6	Q	Well, Ms. Byler Riedel-Byler, you're aware
7		that the this Court issued an order on
8		October 14th, 2008?
9	A	An order for what?
10	Q	An order concluding that AAT, Alaska Adventure
11		Tours, Inc., was indebted to the City of
12		Yakutat for taxes.
13	Α	Yes.
14	Q	Okay. And in that order
15	Α	I believe that's still
16	Q	Excuse me?
17	Α	I believe that's on appeal.
18	Q	Well, I understand well, I don't know if
19		it's on appeal or not. My question is that
20		you understand that in that order, one of the
21		findings by this court was that in April of
22		2007, Yakutat gave AAT formal notice of
23		violations of the Yakutat code. Do you recall
24		reading that?
25	Α	No.

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1	Q	Do you recall ever reading the court's order?
2	Α	I don't recall reading that court's order.
3	Q	Were you
4	Α	April or October? I'm sorry. You're
5		confusing me.
6	Q	It was issued in October of 2008. You've
7		never seen that order?
8	Α	I haven't read it personally, no. I believe
9		my attorney has.
10	Q	Okay. Have your attorneys discussed the order
11		with you?
12	Α	Yes, he did. That's why it's on appeal. But
13		not in detail.
14	Q	Okay. Now, do you agree that in April of
15		2007, AAT, Alaska Adventure Tours, was given
16		notice by the City of Yakutat that it was in
17		violation of the Yakutat code and owed taxes?
18	Α	No, I don't agree with that at all.
19	Q	Okay. You never got notice at AAT?
20	Α	To the best of my recollection, no.
21	Q	Do you recall calling Yakutat and advising
22		them that AAT would not file borough tax
23		returns because you operate hunts from a
24		vessel?
25	A	I never called Yakutat.

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1	Q	Do you recall your husband calling Yakutat?
2	Α	I don't know what he did. I never called
3		them.
4	Q	Okay. Do you recall that before December of
5		2007, AAT had been given notice by the City of
6		Yakutat that it was in violation of city code?
7		MR. RADER: Asked and answered.
8	BY N	MR. CHOATE:
9	Q	Do you recall at any time, ma'am, having that
10		notice?
11	Α	No.
12	Q	Why were you reorganizing AAT?
13	Α	I wasn't reorganizing AAT. I was doing a
14		business model plan based on a proven business
15		model.
16	Q	I'm sorry. You earlier used the term
17		"reorganization." What were you reorganizing?
18	Α	Well, I misspoke when I said "reorganizing."
19		It was taking a proven business model and
20		putting it into place.
21	Q	Okay. Now, your business model somehow
22		involved you transferring out of AAT the three
23		vessels that were in the company's name; isn't
24		that right?
25	Α	No.
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1		appraised?
2	Α	For insurance purposes, I believe.
3	Q	Okay. And who is the vessel insured through?
4	A	When?
5	Q	How about at present?
6	Α	I'd have to look at the exact name of the
7		firm, but it's Eric Irvin.
8	Q	And where is Mr. Irvin located?
9	Α	Seattle.
10	Q	Now, when you made the decision to pay
11		yourself what you're describing as wages by
12		taking the Alaskan Leader personally, did you
13		make any did you give any notice to
14		creditors that you were removing from the
15		corporation one of its principal assets?
16	Α	No. I didn't realize I had creditors.
17	Q	Well, you were aware that the City of Yakutat,
18		at the time that you made the transfer, was
19		claiming that you owed taxes taxes to
20		Yakutat, right?
21	A	No.
22	Q ·	Is there somebody else that receives the
23		formal notices to Alaska Adventure Tours
24		besides yourself, as the registered agent,
25		president, and sole shareholder?

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1		yourself. Do you recall when that transfer
2		occurred?
3	Α	January 1st, 2008.
4	Q	And you transferred the second vessel, the
5		Sound Adventure. When did you transfer that
6		out of Alaska Adventures?
7	A	January 1st, 2008.
В	Q	Was that part of the same reorganization?
9	Α	That was part of the business model that was
10		set up by Frank Nosek, the attorney.
11	Q	Okay. And what was the and can you explain
12		to me what was the business model? Why were
13		you transferring the vessels out of Alaska
14		Adventure Tours into three other three
15		other locations three other entities?
16	A	Can you restate the question, please?
17	Q	My question is what was this business model
18		that you were you were you were
19		accomplishing? What were you intending to
20		accomplish, beyond what appears to be a the
21		removal of assets from a corporation which had
22		liabilities?
23	Α	What was the purpose of it?
24	Q	Yes.
25	Α	The purpose of it was to define different

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1	Α	No.
2	Q	Were there claims against Alaska Adventure
3		Tours for debt at the time you made these
4		disbursements to yourself?
5	Α	No.
6	Q	There were no claims?
7	Α	How do you define a "claim"?
8	Q	well
9	Α	I mean, the Alaskan Adventure had a bank note.
10		Is that a claim?
11	Q	Well, I'm talking about people that said you
12		owed them money. Not a bank debt, but let's
13		say the City and Borough of Yakutat's claims.
14		Okay. Those claims existed before these
15		disbursements, right?
16	Α	I was not aware of them.
17	Q	Okay. And is it and did you check your
18		mail in the fall of 2007?
19	Α	In the fall?
20	Q	Yes.
21	Α	No.
22	Q	Excuse me?
23	Α	No.
24	Q	Okay. So if letters had been sent to you by
25		the City and Borough of Yakutat, you wouldn't

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1		have known about them because you weren't
2		checking your mail; is that right?
3	Α	Okay. Can I ask you to define "fall" for me,
4		please? What do you define "fall" as?
5	Q	September through November.
6	A	No. I was I didn't get any mail then.
7	Q	Okay. When you say you didn't get any mail,
8		is it that you didn't receive any mail or you
9		didn't check your mail?
1.0	Α	I was working. When I'm working, I don't get
11		mail.
12	Q	Do you have anybody else check your mail?
13	A	No.
14	Q	How do you do business without checking your
15		mail?
16	Α	I plan ahead.
17	Q	So did you check your mail at some time in
18		2007, late 2007?
19	Α	In December.
20	Q	Okay. In December, did you receive notices
21		from the City and Borough of Yakutat?
22	Α	I don't believe so. I don't recall.
23	Q	So when you made the decision to reorganize
24		your business by reorganize your business
25		by emptying or taking all of the assets of

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1		Alaska Adventure Tours, disbursing them to
2		yourself, what was your reason for doing that?
3	Α	I was owed past compensation.
4	Q	But you had been owed past compensation for a
5		long time. Why make the decision in late
6		2007, early 2008, to take all the assets of
7		the corporation and put them in your personal
8		name?
9	Α	Well, Alaskan Adventure Tours was primarily a
10		hunting business, and I wanted to change tacks
11		and do more eco-friendly stuff, and I couldn't
12		do that with that name.
13	Q	Why is that?
14	Α	Because it was tied to hunting so well.
15	Q	Now, the Mako and Boston Whaler, were they
16		transferred by you to ABC Leasing?
17	Α	What do you mean? By Alaskan Adventure Tours
18		or
19	Q	No. By yourself personally. My let me
20		make sure I understand this. My understanding
21		is that all the assets of Alaskan Adventure
22		Tours, Inc. were transferred to you personally
23		as a disbursement for unpaid wages; is that
24		right?
25	Α	Correct.

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CERTIFICATE

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STATE OF ALASKA)

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That the foregoing pages contain a full, true and correct transcript of proceedings in the above-referenced matter, transcribed by me to the best of my knowledge and ability, or at my direction, from the electronic sound recording.

DATED at Juneau, Alaska, this 24th day of March 2009.

SIGNED AND CERTIFIED TO BY:

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OFFICIAL SEAL
Lynda Batchelor Barker
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires

LYNDA BATCHELOR BARKER, RDR, Notary Public for the State of Alaska. My commission expires: 5/6/2012

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AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN NICHOLS

STATE OF ALASKA				
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT)			

John Nichols, being duly sworn, states:

- I am the Chief of Public Safety of the City and Borough of Yakutat.
- 2. On May 15, 2007, I had a conversation with Kimberly Riedel-Byler i Yakutat, in which she demonstrated awareness that the City and Borough of Yakuta was seeking payment of taxes by her business, Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc., whic was conducting hunting and guiding operations in the Icy Bay vicinity, in the City an Borough of Yakutat.
- 3. Ms. Riedel-Byler had come in to Yakutat because of the death of he father-in-law, Jerry Byler, who had drowned in Icy Bay. I conducted a preliminary dea investigation in advance of an Alaska State Trooper investigation, and interviewed M Riedel-Byler when she came in to Yakutat in connection with transporting the

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Affidavit of John Nichols

decedent's body. I know the conversation occurred on May 15, 2007, because this is the date shown on my preliminary death investigation report.

4. While I was transporting Ms. Riedel-Byler back from the police station to the airport, she stated that she felt that everybody in Yakutat was against her and her business, or words to that effect. In this context, I brought up the pending issue as to the non-payment by her business, AAT, of the Borough sales and "bed" taxes. Ms. Riedel-Byler stated that they were not obligated or responsible for payment of these taxes. Her response demonstrated to me that she was already aware of the Borough's effort to seek payment of the tax by her business.

Further affiant sayeth naught.

DATED AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA this 27^{th} day of March, 2009.

John Nichols

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, this 27th day of March, 2009.

Notary Public in and for Alaska

My Commission Expires: Wafe

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT JUNEAU

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Plaintiff,

V.

ALASKAN ADVENTURE TOURS, INC.,

Defendant.

THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF YAKUTAT,

Supplemental Complaint Plaintiff,

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Supplemental Complaint Defendant.

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ORDER ON POST-JUDGMENT MOTIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

Multiple interrelated post-judgment motions are pending. As more fully set forth below, supplemental defendants are entitled to jury trial on the fraudulent transfer/ownership issues presented in this supplemental action. The motion to strike the jury trial request is denied and the motion to decide post-trial motions without trial is denied.

Yakutat is entitled to a restraining order and the court orders that Ms. Riedel, ABC

Leasing and their agents and assigns may not transfer or encumber any property subject

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 to possible execution in this case, more particularly described below. The motions related to contempt will be decided following advisory jury verdict on the fraudulent transfer claims and those motions are stayed pending trial. The lien "question," to the extent it is a motion regarding successor liability, is denied without prejudice to motion for summary judgment on constructive notice grounds. Jurisdiction of this case will transfer to the Superior Court in ten days unless good cause is shown to do otherwise.

II. FACTS

A. History of Sales Tax Dispute

The City and Borough of Yakutat imposes a tax on sales and transient accommodations in its borough. On April 27, 2007, Yakutat wrote to Kimberly Riedel-Byler a/k/a Kimberly C. Riedel, K. Christina Riedel and/or Kimberly Byler (referred to here as Kimberly Riedel) in her role as the registered agent for Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc. ("AAT") at the address provided by AAT to the Division of Corporations as its registered office concerning AAT's unpaid taxes. Copies of the letter were also sent to the address listed with the Division of Corporations as AAT's "principal office address" and to Ms. Riedel's husband, Darren Byler, listed on AAT's website as AAT's "general manager."

In May 2007, the Yakutat Chief of Police swears that he spoke to Ms. Riedel about AAT's sales tax dispute with Yakutat. Ms. Riedel has since sworn to having no knowledge of the tax dispute before this case was filed in February 2008.

On May 24, 2007, a follow-up notice regarding the tax deficiency was sent by Yakutat to the above addresses, notifying AAT of a June 27, 2007 hearing regarding the taxes. On May 31, 2007, Darren Byler called Yakutat's attorney to dispute the validity of the tax claim against AAT.

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On December 3, 2007, Yakutat sent notice by certified mail of an overdue tax deficiency of \$18,609.69 plus penalties in the event of untimely payment. Someone signed for the receipt of this notice for AAT on December 12, 2007. Ms. Riedel denies that this is her signature. Ms. Riedel has testified that she seldom checked AAT's mail and does not recall receiving any mail regarding AAT's tax liabilities. On December 7, 2007, Yakutat filed a tax lien on all real and personal property of AAT in the Juneau Recorder's Office for \$18,601.69.

On December 20, 2007, a copy of Yakutat's tax lien was sent to AAT's corporate address. Eleven days later, on January 1, 2008, Ms. Riedel transferred all of AAT's assets to herself. She then transferred them (or many of them) to her wholly-owned company, ABC Leasing.

This action was filed on February 18, 2008. In February 2009 a second tax lien was filed in the Juneau Recorder's Office for \$95,808.46. Summary judgment for unpaid taxes and penalties entered in favor of Yakutat in this action in October 2008 and final judgment entered on December 2, 2008. The final judgment provides that the tax lien filed in the Juneau Recording District is foreclosed to the extent of the full judgment against all real and personal property of AAT as of December 14, 2007 and thereafter acquired. The judgment, including fees and costs, totaled \$95,808.46 and continues to bear statutory interest.

B. Post-Judgment Enforcement Issues

1. Fraudulent Transfer Claims

Following the first judgment debtor examination of Ms. Riedel, Yakutat moved for an order that all of the AAT property Ms. Riedel transferred to herself in January 2008, including the M/V Sound Adventure, the M/V Alaskan Leader, the M/V Alaskan Adventure, a Mako skill, a Boston Whaler skiff, a floating platform, a 1998 Suburban and

a 2002-03 GMC truck be deemed subject to execution because the transfers were fraudulently done to avoid paying taxes to Yakutat and thus void.

Restraining Order Request and First Request for Finding of Contempt

Yakutat's motion regarding fraudulent transfer also sought a restraining order, presenting further dissipation/distribution of these assets pending determination of the fraudulent transfer issue. Yakutat's motion also requested a show cause hearing for Ms. Riedel to show cause why she allegedly lied at the debtor examination about at least two things: (1) that she was unaware of Yakutat's pending tax claims against AAT prior to this lawsuit; and (2) that she did not have access to AAT corporate and business records because they were seized by police. Yakutat obtained affidavit testimony from the Alaska State Troopers that Ms. Riedel's computer and all business records were returned to her before the debtor exam. Ms. Riedel disputes that claim. She also claims that she did not have access to the records, even though police swear that they were returned.

3. Expedited Temporary Restraining Order Request

A subsequent motion for temporary restraining order or expedited consideration of the motion for a general restraining order was filed. On March 23, 2009, Judge Pallenberg ordered a show cause hearing to be set before the trial judge, Judge Levy, and denied the restraining order, concluding that such relief was outside the authority of the District Court. He, however, ordered under Civil Rule 69(c) that AAT, Kimberly Riedel and Darren Byler were prohibited from selling, transferring, concealing or in any manner disposing of property liable to execution pending hearing.

4. Supplemental Complaint

Because Yakutat seeks to attach property now held by Ms. Riedel or ABC

Leasing, a supplemental complaint was filed in this case, seeking essentially declaratory

judgment that the transfer of AAT assets in January to Ms. Riedel and ABC Leasing were

fraudulent and void, leaving those assets subject to attachment. Ms. Riedel denies the allegations, noticed a change of judge from Judge Levy and demanded jury trial on the fraudulent transfer claim.

5. Second Motion for Finding of Contempt

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On June 29, 2009, Yakutat moved for an order to show cause why Ms. Riedel and AAT should not be held in contempt of court for also allegedly lying at the February 2009 judgment debtor hearing — repeating the claims asserted in the first motion for show cause hearing. Yakutat further sought a show cause hearing for contempt because AAT held a promissory note for \$41,082.20 for a July 2007 sale of AAT vessel F/V North Pacific to William Tillion; Ms. Riedel did not disclose this corporate asset at the February 2009 debtor hearing and instead stated that AAT had no assets and after Yakutat discovered the existence of the note in April 2009, Ms. Riedel discounted the note by approximately 50% to obtain immediate payment to ABC Leasing.

Yakutat further contends that contempt is appropriate to sanction Ms. Riedel for her alleged lie that she did not have AAT records at the first debtor exam, pointing to new evidence that voluminous business records were available through Ms. Riedel's accountant at the time she stated that she had no such records. Yakutat argues that Ms. Riedel should be held in contempt for her failure to appear personally for her June 2009 debtor exam.

Ms. Riedel contends that she did not understand that the money owed AAT by

Mr. Tillion was an asset of AAT. She contends that she did not believe AAT business
records were available to her at the time of the first debtor hearing. Finally, she contends

A hearing was held on the first show cause motion by Judge Levy, who deferred decision on the issue and was subsequently preempted when the supplemental complaint was filed.

that she did not understand that she needed to be present or at her lawyer's office for the second debtor exam.

6. Motion to Strike Jury Trial Demand

Yakutat moves to strike Ms. Riedel's jury trial demand, contending that the fraudulent transfer claims can and should be decided by the court and that there is no right to jury trial.

7. Request to Find that Judgment Foreclosed Yakutat Tax Lien Recorded Prior to Transfers

At hearing on April 14, 2009, Judge Pallenberg apparently ordered supplemental briefing on the question of whether Yakutat's tax lien attached to AAT's personal property prior to AAT's January 2008 conveyance to herself and/or her wholly-owned company, ABC Leasing. Significant supplemental and sur-supplemental briefing on this topic has been filed. Yakutat contends that recording the lien in the Juneau Recorder's Office perfected the lien. AAT and Ms. Riedel contend that the lien should have been recorded with the Coast Guard for the documented vessels and by UCC filing for all personal property and that the filing was of no force or effect. Yakutat has alternatively argued that the tax lien "runs" with all ATT property from the time of assessment or recording and that any successor owner of the property takes the property subject to the tax.

8. Motion to Decide Post-Judgment Motions Without Trial

Yakutat's most recent motion asks the court to decide all the other post-judgment pre-trial motions without a trial, although conceding some issues will require evidentiary hearing. Yakutat argues that all of these issues can and should be decided as post-judgment enforcement issues under Civil Rule 69 and that Ms. Riedel and ABC Leasing do not have the right to a jury trial on any issue. Ms. Riedel and ABC Leasing disagree,

arguing that Denali Federal Credit Union v. Lange² is dispositive of her claim to the right to a jury trial issue on the claims of fraudulent transfer.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Issues presented in this post-judgment proceeding involve both ancillary judgment enforcement issues governed by Alaska Rule of Civil Procedure 69 and other related rules and statutes and issues involving claims for which the new defendants have a right to jury trial.

A core issue presented by most of the pending motions is whether Yakutat's postjudgment motions related to Ms. Riedel and ABC Leasing are simply ancillary judgment
enforcement actions or, in effect, involve new claims for which the new defendants
(Riedel and ABC Leasing) have a jury trial right. The court concludes that each side's
position is correct in certain respects.

As set forth below, there is a jury trial right on third party claims to title of personal property allegedly subject to creditor execution. However, the court has inherent and other power to restrain transfer of property pending resolution of the fraudulent transfer claims to protect the integrity of the judgment and finds it appropriate to do so here. The court also has the express power of contempt set forth in Civil Rule 69. Finally, the court has the power to issue appropriate orders to enforce a judgment where there are no fact issues requiring resolution by hearing or trial.

 Supplemental defendants have a right to jury trial on the fraudulent transfer claims and issues related to ownership of property allegedly subject to execution. Overlapping contempt issues will be submitted for advisory jury verdict.

It has long been recognized that courts have some inherent power to take action in aid of collection of a judgment.³ The Alaska Supreme Court has held that a trial court

² 924 P.2d 429, 431-32 (Alaska 1996).

has inherent power to determine a judgment debtor's ownership interest in property claimed by others.⁴ However, the court also held that if third party property claimants request a jury trial on the determination of ownership of personal property held by the debtor, they are entitled to have the question decided by a jury.⁵

Here, Yakutat contends that AAT fraudulently transferred assets to ABC Leasing and Kimberly Riedel. Ms. Riedel contends that she personally was entitled to the assets and properly owns the assets. She is entitled to jury trial on this issue. The Motion to Strike Jury Trial Demand is therefore DENIED. Because Yakutat's Motions to Show Cause Relating to Contempt overlap the issues of fraudulent transfer that must be decided by a jury, the court concludes that advisory jury verdicts/interrogatories will be most appropriately answered by the jury to assist the court is determining appropriate action on the alleged acts of contempt. Those motions are therefore STAYED pending trial, now set for February 8, 2010.

Yakutat is entitled to an order restraining transfer of all
property identified as subject to execution by AAT, Kimberly
Riedel and ABC Leasing pending further order of this court.

Alaska Rule of Civil Procedure 69(c) provides that the court may make an order restraining the judgment debtor from selling, transferring or in any manner disposing of any property liable to execution pending execution of the judgment. AAT is the primary judgment debtor. There is no factual dispute but that all of the property identified by

See Thomas, Head and Greisen Employees Trust v. Buster, 95 F.3d 1449, 1452-54 (9th Cir. 1996) (construing Alaska Civil Rule 69 and past decisions of the Alaska Supreme Court to expressly allow orders that prevent fraudulent transfers and impliedly allows courts to determine title issues related to debtor property under court's inherent powers).

Keltner v. Curtis, 695 P.2d 1076, 1079-80 (Alaska 1985).

Id. at 1079. See also Denali Federal Credit Union v. Lange, 924 P2d 429, 432 (Alaska 1996)(holding that where a third party claims a property interest in property a judgment creditor contends belongs to the debtor, the third party is entitled to jury trial on the question of ownership and/or fraudulent transfer).

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Yakutat in its motion for restraining order was owned by AAT prior to the allegedly fraudulent transfers to Ms. Riedel and ABC Leasing. If these transfers were fraudulent and the property was further transferred or encumbered, further disposition of this property could effectively deprive Yakutat of the benefit of its judgment and further perpetrate a fraud.

Property belonging to AAT (the Toomier account payable) has been transferred despite a prior court order prohibiting transfers. Ms. Riedel contends that she only understood Judge Pallenberg's motion to apply until the time of her debtor hearing. This court disagrees with Ms. Riedel's analysis but feels it important that the prior restraining order be clarified.

Yakutat has raised serious and significant questions regarding the propriety of the property transfers at issue. Supplemental defendants ABC Leasing and Ms. Riedel have had the opportunity to address the questions of contempt, restraining order and setting aside the purported conveyances. At a time when Ms. Riedel knew or potentially should have known Yakutat was actively pursuing collection of unpaid taxes from her whollyowned corporation, AAT, she transferred all of its assets to herself and then to her wholly-owned LLC, ABC Leasing, or others.

Yakutat faces irreparable harm if further transfers or encumbrances are not monitored pending trial and there is no obvious potential harm to AAT, ABC Leasing or Ms. Riedel by virtue of this order as Yakutat could respond to any claim for damages if Ms. Riedel or ABC Leasing were to prevail on their claims. In order to protect the integrity of the judgment, this court again GRANTS the motion for restraining order as follows:

Neither Ms. Riedel, AAT, ABC Leasing or their agents, employees or assigns may sell, transfer, conceal, or in any manner dispose of any property liable to

execution in this case pending further hearing or trial of the fraudulent conveyance issues and express written authorization by this court. Such property shall include, but is not limited to, the M/V Sound Adventure, the M/V Alaskan Leader, a Mako skiff, a Boston Whaler skiff, a floating platform, a 1998 Suburban motor vehicle and a 2002-2003 GMC truck. Ms. Riedel, AAT and/or ABC Leasing (and their agents, employees or assigns) shall provide a copy of this order to any creditor or proposed transferee of any of the property referenced by this order.

B. Tax Lien Issues

1. Statutory Framework for Tax Liens in Alaska

Alaska Statute 29.45.650(e) provides:

A borough may provide for the creation, recording, and notice of a lien on real or personal property to secure the payment of a sales and use tax, and the interest, penalties, and administration costs in the event of delinquency. When recorded, the sales tax lien has priority over all other liens except (1) liens for property taxes and special assessments; (2) liens that were perfected before the recording of the sales tax lien for amounts actually advanced before the recording of the sales tax lien; (3) mechanics and materialmen's liens for which claims of lien under AS 34.35.070 or notices of right to lien under AS 34.35.064 have been recorded before the recording of the sales tax lien. This subsection applies to home rule and general law municipalities.

Yakutat has adopted several ordinances relevant to this dispute under the authority of AS 29.45.650(e). YBC 06.40.110 (B) provides that where a seller of taxable goods fails to file a return or pay taxes as required, the Borough may: (1) file a criminal complaint against the seller; (2) make a sales tax assessment "and institute civil action to recover the amount of the tax"; (3) hold a hearing to determine tax liability where a taxpayer has not otherwise paid taxes or filed returns; (4) publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the Borough the name and amount of sales tax, interest and

penalty due from a seller who is delinquent; or (5) "[m]ake written demand upon the seller mailed to [the seller's] last known address, for payment.

YBC 6.40.140, entitled "Tax as Lien," provides:

The tax, interest and penalty imposed under this Chapter shall constitute a lien in favor of the Borough upon all the property of the person owing the tax. The lien arises upon delinquency and continues until the liability is satisfied or the lien is foreclosed. When recorded, the sales tax has priority over all other liens except (1) liens for property taxes and special assessments; (2) liens that were perfected before the recording of the sales tax lien for amounts actually advanced before the recording of the sales tax lien; (3) mechanics' and materialmen's for which claims for lien under AS 34.35.070 or notices of right to lien un AS 34.35.064 have been recorded before the recording of the sales tax lien.

YBC 06.52.070(b) and YBC 06.52.130, addressing transient accommodation and vehicle rental taxes, contain identical language regarding Yakutat's procedures for tax delinquencies and the tax as a lien in favor of the Borough.

2. Case Law Interpreting Tax Liens and Successor Liability

An early Alaska territorial case, Territory of Alaska v. The Arctic Maid,⁶ held that taxes on freezer ships traveling through Alaska were subject to Alaska taxes and that the tax liability was transferred to a purchaser for value of the ship even though the lien was not recorded and the purchaser had no notice of the tax.⁷ The Alaska Supreme Court has interpreted Alaska's statutes regarding tax liens seemingly more narrowly.

In Kenai Peninsula Borough v. Associated Grocers, 8 the court held that a local Kenai ordinance that imposed personal liability on a successor secured owner for prior delinquent sales taxes was invalid to the extent that it did not take into account Alaska Statue 29.45.650(e)(2) lien priorities. The court expressly declined to address whether a

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^{6 140} F. Supp. 190 (D. Alaska 1956), reversed on other grounds, 366 U.S. 199 (1961).

Id. at 200-201.

⁸⁸⁹ P.2d 604 (Alaska 1995).

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municipality or borough could adopt a successor liability ordinance which did not interfere with a successor's perfected lien priority.9

> 3. Yakutat's tax lien does not "run" with AAT property against all

Relying largely on Territory of Alaska v. The Arctic Maid. 10 Yakutat's initial tax lien brief suggests that its tax lien imposes successor liability on any property owned by the tax debtor at the time the lien was created. If so interpreted, such a result would mean that an unperfected tax assessment could take priority over bona fide purchasers for value and lien holders with statutory priority over even perfected municipal tax liens. As the court found in Kenai Peninsula Bor. v. Associated Grocer, 11 successor liability may not be greater than that liability provided by AS 29.45.650(e).

> In the absence of statutory direction regarding the required method for recording Yakutat sales and bed taxes, the court declines to imply one.

Although the parties have differing views as to how Yakutat sales and bed tax liens should be recorded, neither points to specific statutory language that outlines how and where property subject to the tax lien should be recorded. YBC 06.40.110(B) provides a number of enforcement actions related to delinquent taxes but does not address recording. While YBC 6.40.140 outlines priorities among lienholders after "recording," it does not specify where such recording must occur for the priority to take effect. This court declines to imply a statutorily satisfactory means of recording liens related to personal property that otherwise satisfies the requirements of AS 29.45.650 in the absence of statutory authority for such a conclusion. This is particularly so since the

¹⁴⁰ F. Supp. 190 (D. Alaska 1956), reversed on other grounds, 366 U.S. 199 (1961).

exact location of the property at issue in this case at the time Yakutat filed it tax lien is not clearly known.

The court notes that while much briefing went to the question of the proper place of recording tax liens against personal property, it remains to be seen how resolution of this issue affects this case. YBC 6.40.140 explicitly provides that failure to pay Yakutat taxes creates a lien that arises "upon delinquency" and continues until the liability is paid or foreclosed. While recording impacts priorities with other lienholders, there is no evidence that this court is aware of that would suggest that Ms. Riedel or ABC Leasing were or are AAT lien holders. Rather, the central question appears to be whether Ms. Riedel or ABC Leasing were on actual or legally-binding constructive notice of Yakutat's lien at the time of the disputed transfers. 12

As earlier noted, there is a fact dispute as to whether Ms. Riedel was on actual notice of the tax lien at the time of the disputed transfers of property. While Yakutat argues that she should be held to constructive knowledge, this appears to be a fact-based claim, not susceptible to judgment as a matter of law. If there are undisputed facts that legally warrant setting aside the transfers based on constructive knowledge of the lien, this argument should be presented in a motion for summary judgment.

It is difficult to rule on a motion that was not made but was inferred from oral comments by a judge not assigned to the case. As noted, Yakutat had a tax lien from the time of AAT's tax delinquency. However, Yakutat has persuaded this court to date that its lien was perfected prior to disputed transfers such that successor liability automatically

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See Methonen v. State, 941 P.2d 1248, 1252 (Alaska 1997)(holding that property purchaser will be charged with notice that there is an adverse interest to title if the purchaser is aware of facts that would lead a reasonably prudent person to investigate the potential claim; violation of duty to investigate precludes finding of good faith transfer).

and necessarily attaches to all of the property in issue, regardless of potential lien priority issue. To the extent this was the apparent issue, the motion is DENIED.

C. Jurisdictional Issues

Defendants have argued that determination of the fraudulent transfer issue and/or restraining order request invokes equitable powers outside the jurisdictional power of the District Court. While this court disagrees with this proposition for the reasons advanced by District Court Judge Levy in his earlier opinion on the subject, the case is now assigned to a superior court judge and there appears to be no reason not to transfer jurisdiction of the remainder of this post-judgment collection action to the superior court to avoid any such jurisdictional questions. Absent a showing of good cause to the contrary within 10 days of the date of this order, this action is transferred to the jurisdiction of the superior court. The case will retain its case number and assignment. The case caption shall be changed to reflect transfer to the superior court.

DATED at Juneau, Alaska this 21 day of September, 2009.

PATRICIA A. COLLINS Superior Court Judge

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that on the <u>ZZ</u> day of September, 2009, a true copy of this Scheduling Order was provided to: James Brennan and Kevin Fitzgerald via US mail.

Tawna Kay, Judicial Assistant

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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT JUD

The City and Borough of Yakutat, FZB 18 2010 File No. 2044 Plaintiff, VS. Approved for File: Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc., Case No: 1JU-08-434 CI Defendant. The City and Borough of Yakutat, Supplemental Complaint Plaintiff, VS. ABC Leasing, LLC and Kimberly Riedel-Byler, a/k/a Kimberly C. Riedel, K. Christina Riedel and/or Kimberly Byler, Supplemental Complaint Defendants.

JUDGMENT ON FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE

In accordance with the jury verdict entered in this matter on February 16, 2010, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT JUDGMENT IS ENTERED in favor of the plaintiff, the City and Borough of Yakutat, and against defendants Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc., ABC Leasing, LLC, and Kimberly Riedel Byler (a/k/a/ Kimberly C. Riedel, K. Christina Riedel and/or Kimberly Byler, and hereinafter "Byler") as follows:

The conveyances of the following assets by Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc. 1. to Byler, and Byler's reconveyance of those assets to ABC Leasing, LLC, were fraudulent conveyances, and are therefore void. These assets are subject to execution on

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the November 26, 2008 judgment in favor of the City and Borough of Yakutat and against Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc.:

a. the vessel M/V Sound Adventure, Hull Id. Number MUN292PKA40;

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- the vessel M/V Alaskan Leader, Official Number 558637;
- c. Mako skiff, serial No. 100120276M25R;
- Boston Whaler skiff, serial No. BWCHC485A797;
- e. an unfinished floating platform, approx. 80'x80' in size;
- f. 1998 Chevrolet Suburban, Vin 3GNFK16R7WG102598; and
- g. 2002 GMC Truck, Vin 1GTJK33132F121397.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the assets set out in paragraphs 1(a) through 1(g) above are subject to the tax lien filed by plaintiff in the Juneau Recording District, as Document No. 2007-008029-0, and previously foreclosed.
- 3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the plaintiff is awarded the sum of

 _______ in attorney fees and \$______ in costs against Alaskan
 Adventure Tours, Inc., ABC Leasing, LLC, and Kimberly Riedel Byler (a/k/a Kimberly
 C. Riedel, K. Christina Riedel and/or Kimberly Byler). The award of fees and costs
 made hereunder shall accrue interest at the rate of 3.5% per annum, until paid in full.

 DATED this _____ day of February, 2010.

Superior Court Judge Collins

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I hereby certify that on February
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No. 1488-AC, Boston Whaler, reg. no. 26065588, AK. No. 3301-AA, and a floating platform suitable for staging operations and helicopter landings that is moored near the ALASKAN LEADER ("Vessel") is a vessel duly documented under the laws of the United States and was owned by ABC Leasing LLC, an Alaska limited liability company ("ABC"). The Vessel is now, or will be during the pendency of this action within this district and subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

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On or about May 14, 2007, Jerry L. Byler ("Byler") died by drowning in Icy Bay, Alaska when he fell overboard as a result of the unseaworthiness of the Vessel or the negligence of its owner or manager, experiencing conscious physical and mental pain and suffering.

IV.

The Estate of Byler is represented by Darren Byler ("Darren"), who is the son of Byler and was appointed to be the personal representative of the Estate on June 25, 2008, (Cause no. 3AN-08-713PR).

V.

At the time of Byler's death, the owner of the Vessel and the employer of Mr. Byler was an Alaska corporation that was solely owned by Kimberly Riedel, who is the spouse of Darren Byler. The owner of the Vessel has unsuccessfully sought insurance coverage for the death of Mr. Byler.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

VI.

On or about July 7, 2008, ABC executed and delivered an Agreement with Plaintiff in the principal amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) in settlement of the claims of the Plaintiff for the wrongful death of Jerry L. Byler. See Exhibit 'A' attached hereto.

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VII.

ABC as owner thereof granted a Preferred-Ship Mortgage on the Vessel to Plaintiff ("Mortgage") on September 5, 2008, to secure the obligation evidenced by the Agreement. See Exhibit 'B' attached hereto.

VIII.

Plaintiff is the owner and holder of the Agreement and Mortgage on the Vessel.

IX.

To secure the payment of the Agreement, the Preferred Ship Mortgage transfers, conveys, mortgages, pledges, confirms, assigns, and grants the Plaintiff the Vessel with all its components including the mast, bowsprit, boat, anchors, cables, chains, rigging, tackle, apparel, furniture, freights, all additions, and all improvements as described in the Mortgage. See Exhibit 'B.'

X.

ABC has defaulted in its performance under the Mortgage by its failure to keep the Vessel free and clear of all executions, in that ABC has had judgment entered against it in a civil action pending in state court in Juneau, Alaska ("State Court Action"), which will shortly result in execution against the Vessel. See Exhibit 'C.'

XI.

The State Court action was brought by the City and Borough of Yakutat ("CBY") for fraudulent conveyance. A jury trial resulted in a verdict against ABC for \$95,000 on February 15, 2010, which is expected to be nearly \$200,000 with interest, costs and attorney fees when finally calculated. CBY's motion for entry of judgment is pending before the state court and is expected to be issued at any time, which CBY has made clear in its pleadings will be followed by execution against the assets of ABC, which includes the Vessel and its appurtenances. See Exhibit 'D.'

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XII.

Plaintiff has been informed that ABC intends to appeal the judgment in the State Court action but is unable to post a supersedeas bond or other collateral to prevent execution on the assets of ABC, including the Vessel and its appurtenances.

XIII.

The laws of the United States provide that, upon a default of any term of a preferred mortgage, the mortgage holder may enforce its claim for outstanding indebtedness against the mortgaged vessel, *in rem*, 46 U.S.C. § 31325.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

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XIV.

Based on the allegations made in the State Court Action, Plaintiff expects CBY to allege that ABC's execution of the Agreement and Mortgage that secures the wrongful death settlement were fraudulent in nature. If such a determination is made and the Agreement and Mortgage are set aside, Plaintiff is nevertheless entitled to a maritime lien against the Vessel for the death of Byler as set forth above.

XV.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

- 1. That this Court decree payment due by the Vessel for the following:
 - The sum of \$2,500,000.00;
 - Reasonable attorneys' fees; and
- c. The costs of this action including charges for all fees for keepers and their costs incurred in this action and for all expenses for the sale of the Vessel, her engines, machinery, and appurtenances, etc.
- That Plaintiff be adjudged the holder of a first preferred ship mortgage on the Vessel for the payment of sums due, including costs and attorneys' fees, and that this

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Court declare the lien of the said Mortgage to be superior to all other liens which may exist against the Vessel.

- 3. That the Mortgage or the maritime lien of the Plaintiff be foreclosed and the Vessel, be sold by the U.S. Marshal and the proceeds of the sale be applied and delivered to pay demands and claims of Plaintiff in the amount and to the extent as specifically set forth herein, together with costs and attorneys' fees, and that it be declared that any and all persons, firms or corporations claiming any interest in the Vessel are forever barred and foreclosed of and from all rights of equity or redemption or claim in and to the Vessel.
 - 4. That in rem process in due form of the law issue against the Vessel.
- 5. That at the sale of the Vessel by the U.S. Marshal, Plaintiff be permitted to bid, without cash deposit, its judgment, accrued interest, costs and attorneys' fees, up to the full amount thereof.
- That Plaintiff have such other and further relief as in law and equity it may be entitled to receive.

DATED this 15th day of March, 2010.

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VERIFICATION OF COMPLAINT BY PESONAL REPRESENTATIVE

1. Darren Byler declare as follows;

I am the duly appointed personal representative of the Estate of Jerry I., Byler, the plaintiff in this case. I have read the above and foregoing complaint, know the contonts thereof and believe the same to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and execute this verification on behalf of the Estate of Jerry L. Byler, being so authorized to do. I declare under penalty of perjury under the faws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct as of this ___ day of March, 2010.

DARREN BYLER, Personal Representative.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF ALASKA

ESTATE OF JERRY L. BYLER,)
Part de la) IN ADMIRALTY
Plaintiff,)
) No. 3:10-CV-00055-HRH-JDR
v.)
) CITY AND BOROUGH OF
ALASKAN LEADER, Official No.) YAKUTAT'S MOTION TO
558637, its Engines, Machinery,) INTERVENE
Appurtenances, etc., In Rem,	į
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COMES NOW proposed intervenor-defendant City and Borough of Yakutat, by and through counsel, Hedland Brennan and Heideman, and, pursuant to Rule 24(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule C(6)(a) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, moves to intervene as a defendant in this action, because it claims an interest relating to the property that is the subject of the action, and because the relief sought by the plaintiff will impair or impede the intervenor's ability to protect its interest. This motion is based upon the memorandum and declaration of counsel filed herewith. The proposed answer of defendant intervenor City and Borough of Yakutat is also filed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted this 25th day of March, 2010.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 25th day of March, 2010 a copy of the foregoing was served electronically on:

John E. Casperson

s/James T. Brennan

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Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc.			Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):				
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Voluntary Petition (This page must be completed and filed in every case)	Name of Debtor(s): Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc.				
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Exhibit A (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.) Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.	Exhibit B (To be completed if debtor is whose debts are primarily on I, the attorney for the potitioner named in the foregon have informed the petitioner that [he or sha] may put 2, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have available under each such chapter. I further certify debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b). X Not Applicable	nsumer debts) ong petition, declare that I occed under chapter 7, 11, explained the relief			
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Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debt	tor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following	o			
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Voluntary Petition	Name of Debtor(s):		
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Signatures			
Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)	Signature of a Foreign Representative		
I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.	I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding,		
[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.	and that I am authorized to file this petition. (Check only one box.) Trequest relief in accordance with chapter 15 of Title 11, United States Code.		
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X Gary Spraker Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)	I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined		
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Gary Spraker Bar No. 9107066	U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been		
Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s) / Bar No.	promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount		
Christianson & Spraker	before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section, Official Form 19 is attached.		
911 W. 8th Ave., Suite 201 Anchorage, AK 99501			
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(907) 258-6016 (907) 258-2026			
Telephone Number 4/8/2010	Social-Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social-Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)		
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"In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has so knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.	Address		
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4/8/2010			
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA. FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT JUNEAU

The City and Borough of Yakutat,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc.,)
Defendant.)
TI C. ID I ALL	_) Case No. 1JU-08-434 CI)
The City and Borough of Yakutat,)
Supplemental Complaint Plaintiff,)
vs.	}
ABC Leasing; LLC and Kimberly Riedel-Byler, a/k/a Kimberly C. Riedel, K. Christina Riedel and/or Kimberly Byler,)
Supplemental Complaint Defendants.)

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT

Come now Alaskan Adventure Tours, Inc. and Kimberly Byler, by and through counsel, Ingaldson, Maassen & Fitzgerald, P.C., and move the Court for Relief from Judgmen pursuant to Alaska Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b)(3) for fraud and misconduct on the part of the Plaintiff City and Borough of Yakutat. This motion is supported by the memorandum of law filed herewith, and various supporting declarations and exhibits appended thereto.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska March 18, 2011.

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