

IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1141

Amending the Comment to Rule
7.4 of the Alaska Rules of
Professional Conduct.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Comment to Rule 7.4 of the Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct is amended to provide:

Comment

[THIS RULE PERMITS A LAWYER TO INDICATE AREAS OF PRACTICE IN COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT THE LAWYER'S SERVICES; FOR EXAMPLE, IN A TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OR OTHER ADVERTISING. IF A LAWYER PRACTICES ONLY IN CERTAIN FIELDS, THE LAWYER IS PERMITTED SO TO INDICATE AND TO STATE THAT THE LAWYER'S PRACTICE IS "LIMITED TO" THOSE FIELDS. A LAWYER WHO WISHES TO DEVELOP PRACTICE IN LIMITED AREAS OF THE LAW TO WHICH THE LAWYER DEVOTES SUBSTANTIAL TIME MAY USE THE PHRASE "EMPHASIS ON" WITH REGARD TO SUCH FIELDS OF LAW. HOWEVER, STATING THAT THE LAWYER IS A "SPECIALIST" IS NOT PERMITTED.]

Recognition of specialization in patent matters is a matter of long-established policy of the Patent and Trademark Office.

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Chief Justice Moore

Justice Rabinowitz

Justice Burke

Justice Matthews

Justice Compton