IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1231

Amending Administrative Rule 24 concerning assignment of judicial officers.

IT IS ORDERED:

Administrative Rule 24 is amended to read as follows:

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- (e) Assignments of Active Judges for Other Pro Tempore Service. The chief justice, another justice whom the chief justice designates, or the presiding judge upon entry of an order of delegation by the chief justice, may assign a judge of the district court to serve pro tempore as a judge of the superior court. When a superior court judge hears a matter that is pending in the district court, that judge sits as a district court judge, and a specific assignment to the district court is not required.
- (e) (f) Length of Assignment. A single temporary assignment of a judicial officer to another judicial district may not exceed 90 days, unless the judicial officer consents to the additional assignment. Assignments in excess of 90 days or any assignment made without the consent of the assigned judicial officer may be made only by special order of the chief justice.
- (f) (g) Recommendations. The administrative director and the presiding judge in each judicial district shall, after

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consideration of the state of the superior and district court dockets from time to time, submit joint recommendations to the supreme court as to methods of improving the administration of justice in such courts.

- (g) (h) **Definitions.** In this rule, "judicial officer" means a superior court judge, district court judge, or magistrate.
- (h) When a superior court judge hears a matter that is pending in the district court, that judge sits as a district court judge, and a specific assignment to the district court is not required.

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			/s/ Chief Justice Compton
			/s/ Justice Rabinowitz
			/s/ Justice Matthews
			/s/ Justice Eastaugh
			/s/ Justice Fabe