

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1337

Amending Evidence Rule 504 to
include changes made by chapter
75 SLA 1998.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Paragraph (a) of Evidence Rule 504 is amended to read:

(a) **Definitions.** As used in this rule:

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(3) [Effective March 1, 1999.] A psychotherapist is (A) a person authorized to practice medicine in any state or nation, or reasonably believed by the patient to be so, while engaged in the diagnosis or treatment of a mental or emotional condition, including alcohol or drug addiction, (B) a person licensed or certified as a psychologist or psychological examiner under the laws of any state or nation or reasonably believed by the patient so to be, while similarly engaged, [OR] (C) a person licensed as a marital or family therapist under the laws of a state or nation or reasonably believed by the patient so to be, while similarly engaged, or (D) a person licensed as a professional counselor under the laws of a state or nation, or

reasonably believed by the patient so to be,
while similarly engaged.

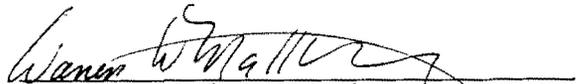
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2. The following note is added at the end of Evidence Rule 504:

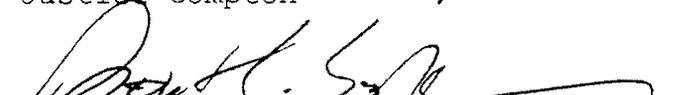
Note to SCO 1337: Evidence Rule 504(a)(3) was amended by § 5 ch. 75 SLA 1998 to expand the definition of "psychotherapist" to include licensed professional counselors. Section 1 of this order is adopted for the sole reason that the legislature has mandated the amendment.

DATED: August 13, 1998

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1999


Chief Justice Matthews


Justice Compton


Justice Eastaugh


Justice Fabe


Justice Bryner