

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~~ 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

/s/
Chief Justice Matthews

/s/
Justice Compton

/s/
Justice Eastaugh

/s/
Justice Fabe

/s/
Justice Bryner