

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1421

Amending District Court Criminal Rule 8(k) concerning appearance by government employees without counsel in minor offense proceedings.

IT IS ORDERED:

Paragraph (k) of District Court Criminal Rule 8 is amended to read as follows:

(k) A municipal corporation or the State of Alaska may be represented by an employee of the state, the municipality, or other political subdivision of the state for the prosecution of minor offenses under this rule, AS 22.20.040 notwithstanding. However, the representative is limited to giving testimony and may not examine witnesses, make opening and closing arguments, or otherwise act as an attorney. The representative need not be employed by the same government entity represented, but must be authorized by the entity to represent it.

DATED: February 8, 2001

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 15, 2001

/s/ _____
Chief Justice Fabe

/s/ _____
Justice Matthews

/s/ _____
Justice Eastaugh

/s/ _____
Justice Bryner

/s/ _____
Justice Carpeneti