IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA ORDER NO. 1941

Amending Criminal Rule 38 to clarify the effect of hearing reminders.

IT IS ORDERED:

Criminal Rule 38 is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

Rule 38. Presence of the Defendant.

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(f) Effect of Hearing Reminder. If a defendant received actual notice of a hearing, whether oral or written and whether to the defendant's attorney or to the defendant personally, then failure to receive a hearing reminder under subsection (e) of this rule is not a defense to the defendant's failure to appear at the hearing.

DATED: December 19, 2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2019

/s/
Chief Justice Bolger
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/s/
Justice Winfree
Justice Willinge
/s/
Justice Stowers
/s/
Justice Maassen
/s/
Justice Carney