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THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 217

Office of Chief Justice Supreme Court of Alaska

Adding Rule 15.1 to the Rules Governing the Administration of All Courts.

IT IS ORDERED:

The Rules Governing the Administration of All Courts are amended by adding Rule 15.1, to read as follows:

Rule 15.1. COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEYS AND GUARDIANS AD LITEM IN CHILDREN'S CASES.

- (a) Attorneys appointed by the court to represent persons under the Rules of Children's Procedure or pursuant to statute, shall be compensated at the rate of \$35.00 per hour.
- (b) Guardians ad litem appointed by the court under the Rules of Children's Procedure or pursuant to statute, shall be compensated as follows:
 - (1) An attorney appointed as guardian ad litem shall receive \$35.00 per hour; provided that if the attorney has been appointed to act as both counsel and as guardian ad litem, he shall be compensated only as an attorney.
 - (2) A person other than an attorney appointed as guardian ad litem shall receive compensation if the court deems it appropriate, not to exceed \$25.00 per hour.
- (c) Claims for compensation shall be submitted on forms provided by the court within 30 days following disposition of the case. Claims shall be submitted for approval to the judge assigned to hear the case, and shall be subject to final approval by the Administrative Director.
- (d) If the assigned judge determines that the party or parties having legal responsibility for the support of a child for whom an attorney or guardian ad litem has been appointed are able, without undue financial hardship, to pay the costs of such services, the judge shall:
 - (1) order that all or an equitable portion of the costs be paid by such party or parties directly to the person providing the services; or
 - (2) assess as costs to such party or parties all or an equitable portion of the cost to the state of providing such services.

(e) The assigned judge may award compensation at a higher rate than provided in this rule in unusually complex or protracted cases. The rates of compensation may be modified by the Administrative Director as necessary to meet budgetary needs.

DATED: July 15, 1975

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 1975

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