

IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 715

Amending Civil Rule 49(a):
Sealed Verdicts

IT IS ORDERED:

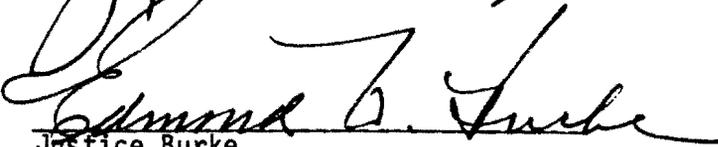
(a) Returning a Verdict - Polling a Jury - Filing and Entering Verdict. When the jury, or such a majority of it as may be required by the law or stipulation of the parties, have agreed upon a verdict, they shall be conducted into court, their names called, and the verdict shall be given by the foreman. The verdict shall be in writing and signed by the foreman. The court may permit the foreman of the jury to date, sign and seal in an envelope a verdict reached after the usual business hours. The jury may then separate, but all must be in the jury box to deliver the verdict when the court next convenes or as instructed by the court. When the court authorizes a sealed verdict, it shall admonish the jurors not to make any disclosure concerning it nor speak with other persons concerning the case until the verdict has been returned and the jury discharged. Any party may require the jury to be polled as to any verdict, which is done by asking each juror if it is his verdict. If upon such polling it appears that a verdict has not been agreed upon, the jury shall be sent out for further deliberation. After a verdict has been agreed upon, the jury shall be discharged from the case. The verdict shall be filed and an entry thereof made in the minutes of the court. The word "verdict" shall include, where applicable, answers to questions or interrogatories.

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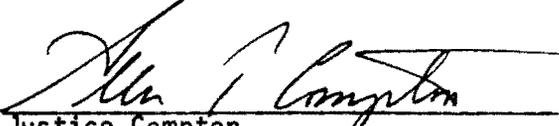
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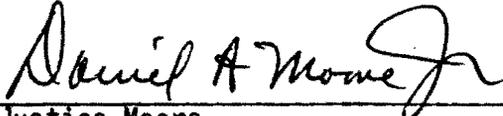
EFFECTIVE DATE: September 15, 1986


Chief Justice Rabinowitz


Justice Burke


Justice Matthews


Justice Compton


Justice Moore