

IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 886

Amending Criminal Rule 3(a) concerning  
notarization of citations.

IT IS ORDERED:

Criminal Rule 3(a) is amended to provide:

(a) The complaint is a written statement of the essential facts constituting the offense charged. A citation issued for the commission of a misdemeanor or a violation shall have the same force and effect as a complaint and shall be filed as a complaint; provided, that the citation satisfies the requirements of a valid complaint as provided by these rules. A complaint or citation shall be made upon oath or affirmation before any judge or magistrate, except that the following complaints and citations may be certified as provided by AS 09.63.020 [SIGNED BEFORE ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO ADMINISTER OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS]:

(1) A complaint or citation for a traffic infraction as defined in Title 28 of the Alaska Statutes.

(2) A complaint or citation for a misdemeanor where arrest has been made without a warrant.

(3) A citation which the defendant has signed thereby promising to appear.

DATED: February 11, 1988

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 15, 1988

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Chief Justice Matthews

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Justice Rabinowitz

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Justice Burke

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Justice Compton

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Justice Moore