ALASKA COURT SYSTEM OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN NO. 79 (AMENDED July 22, 2016)

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SUBJECT: COSTS OF TELEPHONIC HEARINGS

In accordance with Administrative Rule 48(b), the following categories of hearings are exempt from subsection (a) of Administrative Rule 48:

- (1) The court system will pay for telephonic hearing costs whenever a court uses the court system's contracted teleconference provider's conference system¹ to allow a party, witness, attorney, or other required participant to be present at a hearing by telephone.
- (2) If the conference system is not available, the party convenienced by holding the hearing telephonically must pay the telephone costs, as provided in Administrative Rule 48(a), unless the court determines that assessing telephonic hearing costs to a party would unduly disrupt the conduct of a hearing.

The court is authorized to pay for these calls because the cost is anticipated to be minimal, or the convenience to the court outweighs the cost of the calls.

Dated: July 22, 2016

/s/ Christine E. Johnson Administrative Director

Amendments: October, 1, 2010; August 11, 2014; July 22, 2016

¹ The court's current teleconference provider is Level 3 Conferencing, formerly known as Global Crossing Ready Access.