

IN THE TRIAL COURTS FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

In the Matter of:

Vacating the August 20, 2024 Standing Order
Governing the Procedure and Notice of General
Caseload Reassignments

On August 20, 2024, the presiding judges issued a statewide order authorizing bulk caseload reassignments to be accomplished via administrative order. Notice of the reassignment – and of the timeline to file a notice of change of judge under Civil Rule 42 or Criminal Rule 25 – would be accomplished by posting the order on the court system’s website and providing a copy to the Alaska Bar Association for distribution to its members.

On February 5, 2025, the Court of Appeals decided *Katchaag v. State*,¹ finding that posting an order of general reassignment to the court system’s website was insufficient notice under both Civil Rule 42 and Criminal Rule 25. Accordingly, the August 20, 2024 Presiding Judges’ Statewide Standing Order In the Matter of Procedure and Notice of General Caseload Reassignments is vacated.

Dated April 25, 2025.

s/ Amy Mead
Amy Mead
Presiding Judge First Judicial District

s/ Paul Roetman
Paul A. Roetman
Presiding Judge Second Judicial District

s/ Thomas Matthews
Thomas Matthews
Presiding Judge Third Judicial District

s/Brent Bennett
Brent Bennett
Presiding Judge Fourth Judicial District

¹ No. A-14544, 2025 WL 747963 (Alaska App. Feb. 5, 2025)

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