

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1371

Amending Alaska Rule of Professional
Conduct 5.4(a) concerning the sharing of
legal fees with a nonlawyer.

IT IS ORDERED that paragraph (a) of Alaska Rule of Professional Conduct 5.4 is amended to read as follows:

(a) A lawyer or law firm shall not share legal fees with a nonlawyer, except that:

(1) an agreement by a lawyer with the lawyer's firm, partner, or associate may provide for the payment of money, over a reasonable period of time after the lawyer's death, to the lawyer's estate or to one or more specified persons;

(2) a lawyer who purchases the practice of a lawyer who is deceased, disabled, or whose whereabouts are unknown may, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1.17, pay to the estate or other representative of that lawyer the agreed-upon purchase price; and

(3) a lawyer or law firm may include nonlawyer employees in a compensation or retirement plan, even though the plan is based in whole or in part on a profit-sharing arrangement.

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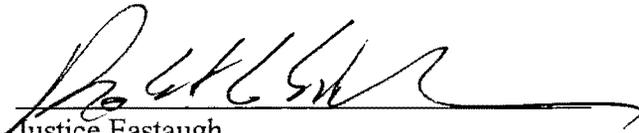
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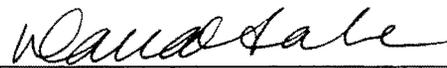
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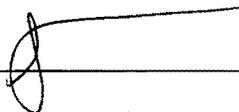
Chief Justice Matthews



Justice Eastaugh



Justice Fabe



Justice Bryner



Justice Carpeneti