

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1469

Amending Adoption Rule 1(e); Civil Rule 100(i); and District Court Rule 1(a) to implement recommendations of the Local Dispute Resolution Task Force of the Supreme Court's Fairness and Access Committee.

IT IS ORDERED:

- I. Adoption Rule 1(e) is amended to read as follows:

(e) **Civil and Evidence Rules Applicable.** The Alaska Civil and Evidence Rules apply to adoption proceedings except to the extent that any provisions of the Civil or Evidence Rules conflict with the Adoption Rules. The provisions of Civil Rule 100 apply to adoption proceedings.

- II. Civil Rule 100(i) is amended to add a new subsection (4) to read as follows:

(4) Local Dispute Resolution. Parties may agree to resolve disputes, subject to court approval, by referring them to tribal courts, tribal councils, elders' courts, or ethnic organizations.

III. District Court Civil Rule 1(a) is amended to add a new subsection (4), to read as follows:

(4) To the extent authorized by law, the provisions of Civil Rule 100 apply to any civil matter brought in district court.

DATED: September 4, 2002

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2002

/s/ _____
Chief Justice Fabe

/s/ _____
Justice Matthews

/s/ _____
Justice Eastaugh

/s/ _____
Justice Bryner

/s/ _____
Justice Carpeneti