

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 1547

Amending Alaska Bar Rule 40(r)
relating to the confidentiality of fee
arbitration proceedings.

IT IS ORDERED:

Alaska Bar Rule 40(r) is amended to read as follows:

Rule 40. Procedure.

(r) Confidentiality. All records, documents, files, proceedings and hearings pertaining to the arbitration of any dispute under these rules will be confidential and will be closed to the public, unless ordered open by a court upon good cause shown, except that a summary of the facts, without reference to either party by name, may be publicized in all cases once the proceeding has been formally closed. Bar Counsel may utilize arbitration records and decisions for statistical and enforcement purposes and for disciplinary purposes following acceptance of a grievance under Rule 22(a) or referral by the arbitrator or arbitration panel under Rule 40(q)(4).

DATED: March 30, 2004

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2004

Chief Justice Bryner

Justice Matthews

Justice Eastaugh

Justice Fabe

Justice Carpeneti