IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA ORDER NO. 1665

Amending Administrative Rules 15(b) and (k) concerning the master jury list and terms of juror service.

IT IS ORDERED:

Administrative Rules 15(b) and (k) are amended to read as follows:

Rule15.Jurors—PredeterminationofQualifications—Service of Summons—Selectionof Juror Panel—Periods of Jury Service.

(a) **Administration**.

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- (b) Master Jury List.
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(2) The administrative director will divide the statewide master list into local master jury lists for each court location. A court location's local master jury list will include the names of all prospective jurors who live in the community and other areas assigned to that court for jury selection purposes. Communities and other areas will be assigned to court locations for the purposes of jury selection according to the following criteria:

(i) Each court location will be assigned its own community and all non-court locations with a

50 mile radius of that court except as provided in (ii) and (iii) below.

(ii) If a non-court location is within the 50 mile radius of two or more court locations, that non-court location will be assigned to that court in the same venue district.

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(k) **Term of Service.**

(1) Except as otherwise provided by the administrative director, a juror's term of service is based upon the size of the court's local master jury list as defined in section (b) of this rule. The maximum term of service and maximum length of actual service, unless extended under paragraph (6) of this subsection, are shown below:

SIZE OF LOCAL MASTER JURY LIST	MAXIMUM LENGTH AVAILABILITY FOR JURY SERVICE (TERM OF SERVICE)	MAXIMUM LENGTH OF ACTUAL ANNUAL COURT ATTENDANCE (SERVICE)
Under 2000	1 Year	30 days per year
2000 to 7000	90 consecutive days per jury year unless interrupted by a deferral	30 days per year

7000 and over	30 consecutive days per jury year unless interrupted by a	30 days per year
	deferral	

(2) "Term of service" begins the date the juror first appears in court or calls the court as ordered on a summons, unless the term of service is deferred at the request of the prospective juror.

(3) "Service" starts the first day the juror reports to a court for jury service.

(4) If the commencement of a prospective juror's term of service is deferred to a later date at the juror's request, his or her term of service shall commence on the date to which he or she is deferred. If after beginning a term of service a prospective juror requests a deferral, the court may defer the remaining portion of the term of service.

(5) After a person completes his or her term of service, that person shall not be required to serve as a juror within one year after the last day of actual court attendance.

(6) A juror who commences sitting in a trial within the term of service shall continue to serve in that matter until discharged by the trial judge.

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DATED: January 9, 2008

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 15, 2008

<u>/s/</u> Chief Justice Fabe

<u>/s/</u> Justice Matthews

<u>/s/</u> Justice Eastaugh

<u>/s/</u> Justice Carpeneti

<u>/s/</u> Justice Winfree