

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 1688

Amending CINA Rule 3 and
Adoption Rule 11 concerning
Representation of an Indian Tribe
by a Non-Attorney

IT IS ORDERED:

1. CINA Rule 3 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 3. Hearings.

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(i) **Representation by Non-Attorney.** Unless the court for good cause requires representation by an attorney, an Indian tribe that has intervened may be represented by a non-attorney designated by the Indian tribe. The tribe must file a written authorization for representation by the designated non-attorney before the non-attorney may represent the tribe. If the tribe changes its designated representative or if the representative withdraws, the tribe must file a written substitution of representation or withdrawal. A guardian ad litem need not be represented by an attorney unless the court, for good cause, requires representation by an attorney.

2. Adoption Rule 11 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 11. Hearings.

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(g) **Representation by Non-Attorney.** Unless the court for good cause requires representation by an attorney, an Indian tribe that has intervened may be represented by a non-attorney designated by the Indian tribe. The tribe must file a written authorization for representation by the designated non-attorney before the non-attorney may represent the tribe. If the tribe changes its designated representative or if the representative withdraws, the tribe must file a written substitution of representation or withdrawal. A guardian ad litem need not be represented by an attorney unless the court, for good cause, requires representation by an attorney.

DATED: December 19, 2008

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 15, 2009

/s/
Chief Justice Fabe

/s/
Justice Matthews

/s/
Justice Eastaugh

/s/
Justice Carpeneti

/s/
Justice Winfree