

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**ORDER NO. 1693**

Amending District Court Criminal Rule 8(k) concerning non-attorney representation in minor offense cases.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

District Court Criminal Rule 8 is amended to read as follows:

**District Court Criminal Rule 8. Minor Offenses.**

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(k) **Non-Attorney Representation.** A municipal corporation or the State of Alaska may be represented by an employee of the state, the municipality, or other political subdivision of the state for the prosecution of minor offenses under this rule, AS 22.20.040 notwithstanding. However, ~~the representative may give is limited to~~ giving testimony, offer exhibits, and call witnesses for examination by the court, but ~~and~~ may not examine witnesses, make opening and closing arguments, or otherwise act as an attorney. The representative need not be employed by the same government entity represented, but must be authorized by the entity to represent it.

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DATED: February 19, 2009

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2009

/s/  
Chief Justice Fabe

/s/  
Justice Matthews

/s/  
Justice Eastaugh

/s/  
Justice Carpeneti

/s/  
Justice Winfree