THE SI REME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 172

BY DIRECTION OF THE SUPREME COURT, IT IS ORDERED:

Rule 48 of the Rules of Administration is adopted to read as follows:

Rule 48. Judicial Vacations and Judicial Leave

(a) Vacation Leave. Each Superior and District Court judge shall be entitled to an annual vacation of not more than thirty (30) working days. It shall be taken at such time or times as may be prescribed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court or the presiding Superior Court judge for his or her judicial district. Vacation time not taken in any calendar year may be accumulated. However, no more than fifteen (15) working days vacation time may be accumulated in any one year, and no judge may accumulate more than thirty (30) working days vacation time in the aggregate. In addition, each Supreme Court justice and Superior Court judge shall be entitled to sick leave with respect to any period of illness necessitating absence from his or her judicial duties, which sick leave shall not be charged against his or her vacation time.

Each District Court judge shall be entitled to annual vacation in accordance with and limited by the provisions of AS 39.20. 200-.330. Such vacation shall be taken at the time or times prescribed by the presiding judge of his or her judicial district. Each District Court judge will be allowed sick leave in accordance with and limited by the provisions of AS 39.20. 200-.330.

(b) Discretion of Supreme Court chief justice or presiding judge of a judicial district. In determining whether a justice or judge shall take a vacation, and the length thereof, the chief justice of the Supreme Court or the presiding judge of a judicial district exercising authority under this Rule shall be mindful of the necessity of retention of sufficient judicial manpower in the court or courts under his or her supervision to permit at all times the prompt and effective disposition of the business of such court or courts.

The operation of this Rule shall be at all times subject to the supervision and introl of the chief justic of the Supreme Court.

(d) Judicial Leave. The chief justice of the Supreme Court may from time to time assign, by order, one or more justices, judges, or magistrates to attend conferences, seminars, or schools to further legal education or professional qualifications. Such assignment shall be made with the consent of the justice, judge, or magistrate concerned. Travel expenses and per diem as set forth in Rules of Administration 24, 28, and 35 may be provided. Judicial leave authorized for such purpose shall not be counted as vacation leave. Nothing in this Rule shall prevent a justice, judge, or magistrate not so assigned from attending said conferences, seminars, or schools at his or her own expense during his or her annual vacation.

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ORDER NO. 172 (AMENDED)

Adopting Rule 48 of the Rules of Administration

IT IS ORDERED:

Rule 48 of the Rules of Administration is adopted to read as follows:

Rule 43. Judicial Vacations and Judicial Leave.

(a) Vacation Leave. Each supreme court justice and superior court judge shall be entitled to an annual vacation of not more than 30 working days. It shall be taken at such time or times as may be prescribed by the chief justice of the supreme court or the presiding superior court judge for his or her judicial district. Vacation time not taken in any calendar year may be accumulated. However, no more than 15 working days vacation time may be accumulate in any one year, and no judge may accumulate more than 30 working days vacation time in the aggregate. In addition, each supreme court justice and superior court judge shall be entitled to sick leave with respect to any period of illness necessitating absence from his or her judicial duties, which sick leave shall not be charged against his or her vacation time.

Each district court judge shall be entitled to annual vacation in accordance with and limited by the provisions of AS 39.2 200-.330. Such vacation shall be taken at the time or times prescribed by the presiding judge of his or her judicial district. Each district court judge will be allowed sick leave in accordance with and limited by the provisions of AS 39.20.200-.330.

(b) Discretion of Supreme Court Chief Justice or Presiding Judge of a Judicial District. In determining whether a justice or judge shall take a vacation, and the length thereof, the chief justice of the supreme court or the presiding judge of a judicial district exercising authority under this rule shall be mindful of the necessity of retention of sufficient judicial manpower in the court or courts under his or her supervision to permit at all times the prompt and effective disposition of the business of such court or courts.

- (c) Supervision by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

 The operation of this rule shall be at all times subject to the supervision and control of the chief justice of the supreme court.
- (d) Judicial Leave. The chief justice of the supreme court may from time to time assign, by order, one or more justices, judges, or magistrates to attend conferences, seminars, or schools to further legal education or professional qualifications. Such assignment shall be made with the consent of the justice, judge, or magistrate concerned. Travel expenses and per diem as set forth in Rules of Administration 24, 28 and 35 may be provided. Judicial leave authorized for such purpose shall not be counted as vacation leave. Nothing in this rule shall prevent a justice, judge, or magistrate not so assigned from attending said conferences, seminars, or schools at his or her own expense during his or her annual vacatic

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