IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA ORDER NO. 1771

Amending Civil Rule 55(a) concerning service of applications for default.

IT IS ORDERED:

Civil Rule 55(a) is amended to read as follows:

Rule 55. Default.

(a) Entry.

(1) Application for Default. When a party against whom a judgment for affirmative relief is sought has failed to appear and answer or otherwise defend as provided by these rules, and that fact is shown by affidavit or otherwise, the clerk shall enter a default. Service of the application is not required if the party has failed to appear. The party seeking default must serve the application on all parties, including the party against whom the default is sought, in accordance with Civil Rule 5.

(2) When <u>Entry is MadeService Required</u>. A party who <u>fails to</u> <u>appear or who</u> appears but fails to answer or otherwise defend may be defaulted by the clerk not less than <u>three</u> <u>seven</u> days following service of the application for default.

(b) Judgment by the Clerk.

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DATED: September 29, 2011

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 16, 2012

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

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

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

<u>/s/</u> Justice Christen

<u>/s/</u> Justice Stowers