

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 1810

Amending Alaska Bar Rule 26(a),
(e) regarding a respondent
attorney's objection to interim
suspension

IT IS ORDERED:

Alaska Bar Rule 26 is amended as follows:

Rule 26. Criminal Conviction; Interim Suspension.

(a) **Interim Suspension for Criminal Conviction.** Upon the filing with the Court of a certificate that an attorney has been convicted of a serious crime as defined in Section (b) of this Rule, the Court will issue an order directing the attorney to inform the Court within seven days from service of the order of any good cause why interim suspension should not be ordered. Unless good cause is shown, the Court will enter an order of interim suspension immediately suspending the attorney. The order of interim suspension will be entered whether the conviction resulted from a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or from a verdict after trial, or otherwise, and regardless of the pendency of an appeal. The Court will notify the Bar and the attorney of the order placing the attorney on interim suspension. The order of interim suspension shall be effective immediately upon filing and entry and will continue in effect pending final disposition of the disciplinary proceeding initiated by reason of the conviction.

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(e) Interim Suspension for Threat of Irreparable Harm.

Interim suspension will be imposed by the Court on a showing by Bar Counsel of conduct by an attorney that constitutes a substantial threat of irreparable harm to his or her clients or prospective clients or where there is a showing that the attorney's conduct is causing great harm to the public by a continuing course of misconduct. The attorney may file an objection to the order of interim suspension within seven days after service of the order on the attorney. The Bar may file an opposition to the objection within seven days after service of the attorney's objection. The Court will consider the objection and any opposition and may take such action as it deems warranted.

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DATED: August 15, 2013

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 15, 2014

/s/
Chief Justice Fabe

/s/
Justice Winfree

/s/
Justice Stowers

/s/
Justice Maassen

/s/
Justice Bolger