

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**ORDER NO. 1906**

Revising Probate Rule 2(b) to address the effectiveness of master's orders for evaluation pending superior court review and revising Probate Rule 2(d) to add reference to orders for screening investigations.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

Probate Rule 2(b) paragraph 3 is amended to read as follows:

**Rule 2. Appointment and Authority of Masters.**

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**(b) Authority, Order of Reference.**

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3. A master's report is not binding until approved by a superior court judge pursuant to Civil Rule 53(d) and paragraph (f) of this rule, except:

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C. a master's orders authorizing hospitalization for evaluation and for commitment to a treatment facility are effective pending superior court review;

D. a master's determination of a patient's capacity to give informed consent to medication under AS 47.30.839 is effective pending superior court review; and

E. a master's authorization of emergency life-saving procedures pursuant to AS 13.26.140(f) is effective pending superior court review.

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**(d) Standing Master's Authority to Enter Orders.**

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3. order home studies, visitor's reports, screening investigations, and psychological, psychiatric, and medical evaluations.

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DATED: February 22, 2017

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 22, 2017

/s/  
Chief Justice Stowers

/s/  
Justice Winfree

/s/  
Justice Maassen

/s/  
Justice Bolger

/s/  
Justice Carney