

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**ORDER NO. 1912**

Amending CINA Rule 4 (b)(4) and  
(f)(3) regarding immediate review of  
master's return or removal orders.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

CINA Rule 4 is amended to read as follows:

**Rule 4. Appointment and Authority of Masters.**

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

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(4) 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:

(A) a master may enter orders without further approval of the superior court pursuant to Civil Rule 53(b) and (c), and by paragraph (d) of this rule;

(B) a master's order of removal from the home is effective pending superior court review; and

(C) a master's order returning a child to the home is effective pending superior court review unless a party immediately objects, in which case the master's order is stayed pending superior court review.

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(f) **Objections to Master's Report, Recommendations.**

(1) *Objections, Reply, Oral Argument.* Objections to a master's report or recommendation must be filed within 10 days of service of the report unless the court requires objection to be filed earlier. In the case of a recommendation rendered orally on the record where a party requests an electronic recording of the recommendation, the time period for objection runs from receipt of the recording. A reply to the objections must be filed within three days of service of the objections. The superior court may permit oral argument, order the taking of further evidence, or grant a hearing de novo.

(2) *Request for Stay.* A party may request that a superior court judge stay the master's order issued under paragraph (d) pending review of the order.

(3) *Immediate Review of Order Removing or Returning the Child from or to the Home.* In addition to the objections permitted under paragraph (f)(1), a master's order removing or returning a child from or to the home must be reviewed by the superior court by the end of the next working day if a party so requests. The superior court's review under this paragraph will be limited to the existing record absent further order of the court. No response shall be made to a request for immediate review unless requested by the court, but the superior court will ordinarily not reject the master's recommendation in the absence of such an invitation.

DATED: June 21, 2017

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 16, 2017

/s/  
Chief Justice Stowers

/s/  
Justice Winfree

/s/  
Justice Maassen

/s/  
Justice Bolger

/s/  
Justice Carney