

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**ORDER NO. 1998**

Amending Civil Rule 90.1,  
Evidence Rule 505, and Child In  
Need Of Aid Rule 9 making the  
rule language gender neutral.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. Civil Rule 90.1 is amended to read as follows:

**Rule 90.1. Dissolution of Marriage, Divorce, and Legal  
Separation Actions.**

(a) **Dissolution of Marriage.**

(1) *Commencement of Action.* \* \* \* \*

(2) *Verification.* The petition shall be signed and verified by both petitioners if the petition is filed by both spouses ~~husband and wife~~ together or by the petitioner filing the action if filed separately.

(3) *Form of Petition.* \* \* \* \*

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(e) **Divorce Actions—Property Division Table.** In divorce cases involving property division disputes, and unless otherwise ordered by the court, the parties shall file and serve the information required by this paragraph 5 days before trial is scheduled to begin. The required information consists of:

(1) a list, including a brief description of all assets and liabilities of the parties, whether owned jointly or individually;

(2) whether the party asserts each asset or liability is marital property, or separate property of one of the spouses; ~~the husband,~~ ~~or separate property of the wife;~~

- (3) the value of each asset and liability; and
- (4) the proposed disposition, if any, of each asset or liability.
- (f) **Confidential Information.**

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2. Evidence Rule 505 is amended to read as follows:

**Rule 505. Spousal ~~Husband-Wife~~ Privileges.**

(a) **Spousal Immunity.**

(1) *General Rule.* A spouse ~~husband~~ shall not be examined for or against the other spouse ~~his wife~~, without the ~~his~~ consent of the spouse to be examined, ~~nor a wife for or against her husband, without her consent.~~

(2) *Exceptions.* \* \* \* \*

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3. Child In Need of Aid Rule 9 is amended to read as follows:

**Rule 9. Evidence.**

(a) **Applicability of Evidence Rules.** \* \* \* \*

(b) **Privileges Inapplicable.**

(1) *Spousal ~~Husband-Wife~~ Privilege.* The spousal ~~husband-wife~~ privilege, Evidence Rule 505, does not apply to the parent, child or custodian in Child in Need of Aid proceedings.

(2) *Physician-Patient Privilege.* \* \* \* \*

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DATED: July 11, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 11, 2023

/s/  
Chief Justice Maassen

/s/  
Justice Carney

/s/  
Justice Borghesan

/s/  
Justice Henderson

/s/  
Justice Pate