

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 469

Amending Paragraph (b) of Rule 6, Alaska Rules Governing the Administration of All Courts, Relating to the Payment of Fees of Interpreters and Translators.

IT IS ORDERED:

Paragraph (b) of Rule 6, Alaska Rules Governing the Administration of All Courts, is amended to read:

(b) Payment. [INTERPRETERS' AND TRANSLATORS' FEES] The fees of interpreters and translators shall be paid:

(1) by the court in criminal cases and in coroner's inquests [FROM THE APPROPRIATION OF THE JUDICIARY OF THE STATE];

(2) in civil cases, by the litigants, in such proportions as the court may direct, to be taxed and collected as other costs[.], except as provided in subparagraph (3) below; and

(3) in civil cases where a party is deaf, mute, or otherwise unable to effectively communicate because of a physical disability, the fee for necessary in-court services of an interpreter or translator shall be paid by the court, subject to the limitations of paragraph (a) of this rule; however, if the court finds that a party has made a frivolous claim or defense, or otherwise litigated in bad faith, the court shall order that party to pay the fees of any interpreter or translator required by any party to the case.

DATED: May 7, 1981

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 1981

/s/ Jay A. Rabinowitz
Chief Justice

/s/ Roger G. Connor
Justice

/s/ Edmond W. Burke
Justice

/s/ Warren W. Matthews
Justice

/s/ Allen T. Compton
Justice

cc: as usual