THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA ORDER NO. 54

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Amending Rules 17(c) and 19, Rules of Administration; Amending Rule 43, Rules of Civil Procedure.

IT IS ORDERED:

That Rules Governing the Administration of All Courts and Rules of Civil Procedure are amended as set out below.

Rule 17(c), Rules of Administration, is amended by striking the figure "\$7.00" in line 2 and substituting therefor the figure "\$21.00".

Rule 19, Rules of Administration, is amended to read as follows:

"Jurors' Fees, District or Deputy Magistrate, Amount.

(a) Payment of fees and subsistence for jurors summoned by a district magistrate or a deputy magistrate shall be governed by Rule 17.

(b) Deputy magistrates shall, whenever possible, summon only jurors residing within the immediate area of the court."

Rule 43(g)(6), Rules of Civil Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

"(6) <u>Direct Examination - Leading Questions</u>. On direct examination, leading questions are not allowed except [a] where they are merely formal or preliminary, or [b] where the court, in exercise of its discretion, finds that the interests of justice require it, or [c] as provided in (12) of this subdivision."

Rule 43(g), Rules of Civil Procedure, is amended by adding subsection (12), reading as follows:

"(12) <u>Hostile or Adverse Witnesses - Interrogation</u>. A party may interrogate any unwilling or hostile witness by leading questions. A party may call an adverse party or an officer, director or managing agent of a public or private corporation, or of a partnership or association which is an adverse party, and interrogate him by leading questions and contradict and impeach him in all respects as if he had been called by the adverse party, and the witness thus called may be contradicted and impeached by or on behalf of the adverse party only upon the subject matter of his examination in chief."

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1963.

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