IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA Order No. <u>591</u>

> Amending Civil Rule 4(c), Providing authority for the Commissioner of Public Safety to make appointments to serve process.

IT IS ORDERED:

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Paragraph (c), Rule 4, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure is amended to read:

- (c) Methods of Service Appointments to Serve Process Definition of Peace Officer
 - (1) Service of all process shall be made by a peace officer, by a person specially appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety for that purpose or, where a rule so provides, by registered or certified mail.

(2) A subpoena may be served as provided in Rule 45.

(3) Special appointments for the service of all process relating to remedies for the seizure of persons or property pursuant to Rule 64 or for the service of process to enforce a judgment by writ of execution shall only be made by the Commissioner of Public Safety after a thorough investigation of each applicant, and such appointment may be made subject to such conditions as appear proper in the discretion of the Commissioner for the protection of the public. A person so appointed must secure the assistance of a peace officer for the completion of process in each case in which he may encounter physical resistance or obstruction to the service of process.



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- (4) Special appointments for the service of all process other than the process as provide under paragraph (3) of this subdivision shall be made freely when substantial savings in travel fees and costs will result.
- (5) The term "peace officer" as used in these rules shall include any officer of the state police, members of the police force of any incorporated city, village or borough, United States Marhsals and their deputies, other officers whose duty is to enforce and preserve the public peace, and within the authority conferred upon them, persons specially appointed pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subdivision.

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