IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 683

Amending Civil Rule 3 on Commencement of Actions to Include Venue Information for Civil Cases

IT IS ORDERED:

The following language is added to existing Civil Rule 3 which as amended shall read:

Rule 3. Commencement of Action and Venue.

- (a) A civil action is commenced by filing a complaint with the court.
- (b) All actions in ejectment, for recovery of possession, for quieting title, for partition, or for the enforcement of liens upon real property shall be commenced in the superior court in the judicial district in which the real property, or any part of it affected by the action, is situated. Such actions may also be commenced in the venue district in which the real property is located if the superior court in the district accepts such cases for filing.
- (c) In a civil action other than one specified in (a) of this rule, the action may be commenced either in: (1) the judicial district in which the claim arose; or (2) a judicial district where the defendant may be personally served; or (3) a venue district where the claim arose or where the defendant may be personally served if the superior court in the district accepts such cases for filing.
- (d) Subject to a change of venue motion under AS 22.10.040, a trial and any precedent or antecedent hearings in an action shall be conducted in a venue district within the judicial district at a location which would best serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses. However, if there is any part of more than one venue district within the boundaries of a borough, the trial and related hearings shall be conducted within the borough's boundaries at a location which would best serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses.

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- (e) Actions in cases not previously covered under this rule may be commenced in any judicial district of the state.
- (f) Failure to make timely objection to improper venue waives the venue requirements of this rule.
- (g) Venue districts as used in this rule refer to the districts referenced in the Venue District Map attached to Criminal Rule 18.1.

DATED: April 24, 1986 EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15,1986

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