IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 808

Amending Civil Rule 47(a), (d) and (e) concerning procedures for jury examination and challenges

IT IS ORDERED:

Civil Rule 47(a), (d) and (e) are amended to provide:

- (a) Examination of Jurors. The court shall require the jury to be selected in a prompt manner. The court may permit the parties or their attorneys to conduct the examination of prospective jurors or may itself conduct the examination. In the latter event the court shall permit the parties or their attorneys to supplement the examination by such further inquiry as it deems proper or shall itself submit to the prospective jurors such additional questions of the parties or their attorneys as it deems proper. The court may also require the parties to question the panel as a whole rather than individually and impose reasonable time limits on the examination of prospective jurors.
- (d) Peremptory Challenges. A party who waives peremptory challenge as to the jurors in the box does not thereby lose the challenge but may exercise it as to new jurors who may be called. A juror peremptorily challenged is excused without cause. Each party may challenge peremptorily 3 jurors. Two or more parties on the same side are considered a single party for purposes of peremptory challenge, but where multiple parties having adverse interests are aligned on the same side, 3 peremptory challenges shall be allowed to each such party represented by a different attorney.

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(e) Procedure for Using Challenges. The court has discretion to set procedures for the exercise of challenges and for the replacement of challenged jurors.

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