

IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 816

Amending Administrative Rule
6(b) concerning responsibility
for providing and paying
interpreters and translators

IT IS ORDERED:

Administrative Rule 6(b) is amended to provide:

(b) Payment. Interpreters and translators must be approved by the court pursuant to Evidence Rule 604. Interpreters and translators will be provided and their fees paid:

(1) by the court in coroner's inquests and presumptive death hearings;

(2) in civil and criminal cases, by the party who requires translation or interpretation to understand the proceedings or who calls a witness whose testimony must be translated or interpreted. These costs may be taxed and collected in civil cases as other costs, except as provided in subparagraph (3) below; and

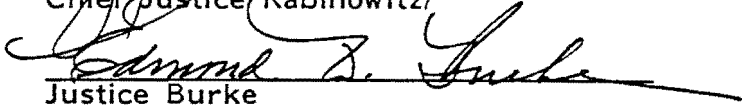
(3) in civil and criminal cases where a party is deaf, mute, or otherwise unable to effectively communicate because of a physical disability, the fee for necessary in-court services of an interpreter or translator shall be paid by the court, subject to the limitations of paragraph (a) of this rule; however, if the court in a civil case 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: April 22, 1987


EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 1987




Chief Justice Rabinowitz



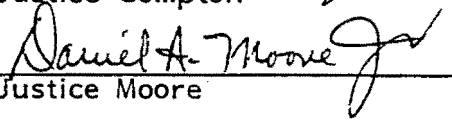
Justice Burke



Justice Matthews



Justice Compton



Justice Moore