

IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 857

Amending Administrative Rule
23(a) concerning appointment of
pro tem judges

IT IS ORDERED:

Administrative Rule 23(a) is amended to provide:

(a) Appointment Pro Tempore. The chief justice, or another justice designated by the chief justice, may by special assignment appoint a retired justice or a retired judge of the court of appeals, or the superior court to sit pro tempore as a senior justice or judge in any court of this state, and a retired judge of the district court to sit as a judge of the district court pro tempore where such assignment is deemed necessary for the efficient administration of justice.

Pro tempore appointments may be made for one or more cases or for a specified period of time up to two years, except that a pro tempore judge or justice may complete a trial or appeal in progress at the conclusion of the appointment. Appointments may be renewed. Any judge who has reached mandatory retirement age or who has otherwise voluntarily retired is eligible for pro tempore appointment, with such judge's consent, subject to the provisions of the Judicial Canons, Part II(1)(C). A judge or justice voluntarily retired for incapacity remains ineligible unless or until a licensed physician finds that he or she is able to efficiently perform judicial duties during such period of incapacity. Any judge rejected on retention or removed from office by the supreme court pursuant to an investigation and recommendation of the Judicial Conduct Commission is ineligible for pro

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tempore appointment until such time as and if such judge is subsequently nominated and reappointed to the bench.

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Chief Justice Matthews

Justice Rabinowitz

Justice Burke

Justice Compton

Justice Moore