IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1009

Amending Civil Rule 11 concerning sanctions.

IT IS ORDERED:

Civil Rule 11 is amended to provide:

Every pleading, motion and other paper of a party represented by an attorney shall be signed by at least one attorney of record in his individual name, whose address shall be A party who is not represented by an stated. attorney shall sign his pleading, motion, or other paper and state his address. Except when otherwise specifically provided by rule or statute, pleadings need not be verified or accompanied by affidavit. The rule in equity that the averments of an answer under oath must be overcome by the testimony of two witnesses or of one witness sustained by corroborating circumstances is abolished. The signature of an attorney or party constitutes a certificate by him that he has read the pleading, motion, or other paper; that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry it is well grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law, and that it is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless expense in the cost of litigation. If

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> a pleading, motion, or other paper is not signed, it shall be stricken unless it is signed promptly after the omission is called to the attention of the pleader or movant.

DATED: <u>October 12, 1989</u> EFFECTIVE DATE: <u>Januarv 15, 1990</u> *Grien William* Chief Justice Matthews Justice Rabinowitz

Justice Burke

Justice Compton Alto

Justice Moore

* Burke, Justice, dissents. I would not amend the rule.