## IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1044

Amending Alaska Bar Rules 34(c), 34(e), and 36(c) concerning the fee dispute resolution program.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Bar Rule 34(c) is amended to provide:

(c) Fee Disputes Subject to Arbitration. All disputes concerning fees charged for professional services or costs incurred by an attorney are subject to arbitration . . . .

2. Alaska Bar Rule 34(e) is amended to provide:

(e) Duty to Assist. Each member of the Bar is encouraged to inform any member. of the public who has a fee dispute of the existence of the fee dispute resolution Each member of the Bar has the program. duty to cooperate with and assist Bar the efficient and Counsel in timelv arrangement for and disposition of fee arbitrations. This duty to assist Bar Counsel extends to the staff of the Alaska Bar Association, and to the staff of any entity outside the association designated by the board to assist in or assume administration of the Bar's fee dispute resolution program.

3. Alaska Bar Rule 36(a) is amended to provide:

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(a) Powers and Duties. Bar Counsel will . . .