

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 program. Each member of the Bar has the duty to cooperate with and assist [ARBITRATION COUNSEL FOR THE ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION (HEREINAFTER "ARBITRATION COUNSEL")] Bar Counsel in the efficient and timely arrangement for and disposition of fee arbitrations. This duty to assist [ARBITRATION COUNSEL] 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:

(a) Powers and Duties. [THE BOARD WILL APPOINT AN ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN ALASKA TO BE THE BAR COUNSEL FOR THE ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION [(HEREINAFTER "BAR COUNSEL") WHO WILL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD.] Bar Counsel will . . . .

DATED: August 7, 1990

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 15, 1990

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Chief Justice Matthews

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Justice Rabinowitz

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Justice Burke

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Justice Compton

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Justice Moore