

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1207

Amending Administrative Rule 18  
concerning business hours for  
superior and district courts.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Administrative Rule 18(a) is amended to read:

(a) **Superior and District Courts – When Open for Business.** The superior and district courts shall be open for the transaction of business during business hours from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on all days except judicial holidays and Saturdays; provided, however, that the courts may at any time extend these hours as circumstances may require or as may be ordered by the presiding judge. The presiding judge may authorize the closure of an office for up to one hour per week for staff meetings and training under a plan approved by the administrative director. The clerk of court must give advance notice of the closure by posting notices on the court's bulletin board, on the doors of the courthouse, and in the clerk's office.

DATED: April 7, 1995

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 15, 1995

/s/  
Chief Justice Moore

/s/  
Justice Rabinowitz

Justice Matthews

/s/  
Justice Compton

/s/  
Justice Eastaugh

MATTHEWS, Justice, dissenting:

I oppose this change. In my view public offices should be kept open to the public during normal business hours. Ways can be found to conduct staff meetings without office closures.