

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1263

Amending Alaska Bar Rule 26(i) concerning proceedings following conviction of a crime relating to alcohol or drug abuse.

IT IS ORDERED:

Paragraph (i) of Alaska Bar Rule 26 is amended to read as follows:

(i) Proceedings Following Conviction of a Crime Relating to Alcohol or Drug Abuse; Interim Suspension for Noncompliance.

(1) Upon receipt of a certificate of conviction of a crime relating to alcohol or drug abuse, other than a crime described in Section (b) of this Rule, the Court may, in its discretion, refer the matter to the ~~Substance Abuse~~ Lawyers' Assistance Committee of the Alaska Bar Association.

(2) The convicted attorney shall meet with the Committee and comply with its recommendations for professional evaluation and professionally recommended treatment. The attorney may appeal the Committee's recommendations to the Board within 10 days after the date the recommendations were made. The Board, in its discretion, may approve, disapprove or modify the recommendations. The attorney may seek review of the Board's decision by filing a petition for review with the Court pursuant to Appellate Rule 402. In the event that the attorney does not meet with the Committee or comply with the Committee's

recommendations, the Committee will mail to the convicted attorney notice of the attorney's failure to meet or comply with its recommendations and require the attorney to cure the deficiency within 10 days after the date of the notice. If the convicted attorney fails to cure the deficiency as required, the Court may, based on a report by the Committee, order the attorney to show cause why the attorney should not be suspended from the practice of law until the attorney demonstrates to the Court that the deficiency is cured.

DATED: April 10, 1997

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 15, 1997

/s/
Chief Justice Compton

/s/
Justice Matthews

/s/
Justice Eastaugh

/s/
Justice Fabe

/s/
Justice Bryner