

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1372

Amending Alaska Bar Rule 34(h) concerning
complex arbitration.

IT IS ORDERED paragraph (h) of Alaska Bar Rule 34 is amended to read as follows:

(h) **Complex Arbitration.**

(1) Upon recommendation by bar counsel or a panel chair, the executive committee may determine that a dispute constitutes a complex arbitration based on any of the following factors:

(A) complex legal or factual issues are presented;

(B) the hearing is reasonably expected to or does exceed eight (8) hours; or

(C) the amount in dispute exceeds \$50,000.00.

Such determination may be made at any time after the filing of a petition but before ~~a decision in the matter is final. If the determination is made after the hearing commences, a continuance of the hearing for at least fifteen (15) days shall be granted upon the~~

~~request of a party~~ the hearing on the merits of the petition begins,
unless the parties otherwise agree.

(2) When a case is determined to be complex ~~prior to hearing,~~ the executive committee may require payment by one or both parties for reasonable costs of administration and arbitration. ~~The parties will be notified of the estimated costs (fifteen) 15 days prior to hearing.~~

DATED: September 2, 1999

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 15, 2000

/s/
Chief Justice Matthews

/s/
Justice Eastaugh

/s/
Justice Fabe

/s/
Justice Bryner

/s/
Justice Carpeneti