IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1373

Amending Alaska Bar Rule 40(t) and (u) concerning judicial review of fee arbitration awards.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Paragraph (t) of Alaska Bar Rule 40 is amended to read as follows:

(t) **Confirmation of an Award.** Upon application of a party, and in accordance with the provisions of AS 09.43.110 and AS 09.43.140, the superior court will confirm an award, reducing it to a judgment, unless within ninety days either party seeks through the superior court to vacate, modify or correct the award in accordance with the provisions of AS 09.43.120 through 140.

2. Paragraph (u) of Alaska Bar Rule 40 is amended to read as follows:

(u) Appeal. Should either a party appeal the decision of an arbitrator or panel to the superior court concerning an arbitration award under the provisions of AS 09.43.120 through AS 09.43.180 AS 09.43.160, the appeal shall be filed with the clerk of the superior court in accordance with Appellate Rules 601 through 609, and the party must serve a copy of the notice of such appeal will be filed with upon bar counsel. If a matter on appeal is remanded to the Supreme Court Order No. 1373 Effective Date: April 15, 2000 Page 2

arbitrator or panel, a decision on remand will be issued within thirty

(30) days after remand or further hearing.

DATED: September 2, 1999

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 15, 2000

/s/

Chief Justice Matthews

/s/ Justice Eastaugh

/s/

/s/ Justice Fabe

/s/

Justice Bryner

/s/

Justice Carpeneti