IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA ORDER NO. 1696

Amending Probate Rule 12(c) concerning administrative closing of estates

IT IS ORDERED:

Probate Rule 12(c) is amended to read as follows:

Rule 12. Closing Estates.

- (a) Duty to Close Estates.* * * *
- (b) Formal Closing. * * * *

(c) Administrative Closing. If no action is taken in an estate for more than one year, the clerk may send a notice to the last known address of the personal representative, to all attorneys of record, and to any person who has filed a demand for notice under AS 13.16.070, stating that the file will be closed in 30 days if no objection is received. The order closing the file must also be sent to the last known address of the personal representative, all attorneys of record, and any person who has filed a demand for notice under AS 13.16.070. Administrative closure does not discharge the personal representative or terminate the personal representative's powers and duties.

DATED: February 19, 2009

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2009

<u>/s/</u> Chief Justice Fabe

<u>/s/</u> Justice Matthews

<u>/s/</u> Justice Eastaugh

<u>/s/</u> Justice Carpeneti

<u>/s/</u> Justice Winfree