IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA ORDER NO. 1723

Amending Delinquency Rule 21 concerning jury trials for adjudication hearings.

IT IS ORDERED:

Delinquency Rule 21 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 21. Adjudication Hearing.

(a) **Nature of Proceeding.** The adjudication hearing is a trial on the merits of the petition for adjudication. The court will decide the merits of the case unless the juvenile requests a trial by jury. Except for good cause shown, the juvenile must request a jury trial no later than 20 days before any scheduled trial date. The department may not request an adjudication by jury.

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DATED: June 16, 2010

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2010

/s/
Chief Justice Carpeneti
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/s/
Justice Fabe
<u>/s/</u>
Justice Winfree
<u>/s/</u>
Justice Christen
/s/
Justice Stowers