IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA ORDER NO. 1773

Amending Delinquency Rule 21(d) regarding the length of time a petition may be held in abeyance

IT IS ORDERED:

Delinquency Rule 21(d) is amended to read as follows:

Rule 21. Adjudication Hearing.

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(d) Judgment.

(1) At the conclusion of the adjudication hearing, the court shall enter a judgment that the juvenile is not delinquent or, if the court or the jury finds that the juvenile committed one or more delinquent acts alleged in the petition, either:

(A) enter a judgment that the minor is delinquent; or

(B) issue an order that the matter be held in abeyance for a stated period of time not to exceed two years. The court may dismiss the case at the expiration of this period of time if dismissal will promote the interests of the public and the welfare of the child.

(2) In a case tried without a jury, the court shall make a general finding, but on request shall find facts specially. If an opinion or

memorandum of decision is filed, the findings of fact may appear therein.

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DATED: October 25, 2011

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 16, 2012

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

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

/s/ Justice Winfree

<u>/s/</u> Justice Christen

<u>/s/</u> Justice Stowers