IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA ORDER NO. 1783

Amending District Court Civil Rule 20(c) concerning awards of attorney's fees in small claims actions

IT IS ORDERED:

District Court Civil Rule 20(c) is amended to read as follows:

Rule 20. Remedies

(c) Cost shall be allowed as a matter of course to a prevailing party. Allowable costs include the filing fee and other charges made by the court, the expense of service of process, and witness fees. An award of attorney's fees may also be made, but shall not exceed \$1,000. In cases where a default judgment is entered against a defendant, the clerk may enter the award of costs, as well as attorney's fees of 10% of the judgment or reasonable actual fees, whichever is less.

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DATED: July 12, 2012

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2012

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

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

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

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