## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA ORDER NO. 1859

Amending Appellate Rule 508(e) concerning attorney's fees.

## **IT IS ORDERED:**

Appellate Rule 508 is amended to read as follows:

## Rule 508. Costs and Fees.

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## (e) Attorney's Fees. Attorney's fees shall not be awarded unless

(1) attorney's fees are provided by statute, caselaw, or contract;

(2) the court determines that the appeal or cross-appeal is frivolous or has been taken in bad faith;

(3) the court determines that an award of fees is necessary in the interest of justice; or

 $(\underline{43})$  the appeal was taken under Rule 601, in which case the court shall award the prevailing party 20% of its actual attorney's fees that were necessarily incurred, except in cases where

(A) paragraphs (1), (2), or (32) apply; or

(B) the court determines that an award of fees would be so onerous to the non-prevailing party that it would deter similarly situated litigants from the voluntary use of the courts if not reduced.

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DATED: June 4, 2015

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 4, 2015

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

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

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

<u>/s/</u> Justice Maassen

<u>/s/</u> Justice Bolger