THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA ORDER NO. 355

Amending Civil Rule 81(d), by Providing for Automatic Withdrawal of An Attorney After Final Judgment.

IT IS ORDERED:

Paragraph (d) of Rule 81, Rules of Civil Procedure, is amended to read:

(d) Withdrawal of Attorney.

- (1) An attorney who has appeared for a party in an action or proceeding may be permitted to withdraw as counsel for such party only as follows:
 - (i) For good cause shown, upon motion and notice of hearing served upon the party in accordance with Rule 77; or
 - (ii) Where the party has other counsel ready to be substituted for the attorney who wishes to withdraw; or
 - (iii) Where the party expressly consents in open court or in writing to the withdrawal of his attorney.
- (2) An attorney shall be considered to have properly withdrawn as counsel for a party in an action or proceeding in which a period of one year has elasped since the filing of any paper or the issuance of any process in the action or proceeding, and
 - (i) the final judgment or decree has been entered and the time for filing an appeal has expired or
 - (ii) if an appeal has been taken, the final judgment or decree upon remand has been entered or the mandate has issued affirming the judgment or decree.

This subparagraph (2) shall not apply to an attorney who files and serves a notice of continued representation.

DATED: January 25, 1979

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 1979

Chief Justice 'S

Roger J. Connor

Justice

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