## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA ORDER NO. 446

Two-part Order Adding New Rule 26.5, Alaska Rules Governing the Administration of All Courts, Relating to the Appointment, Duties, and Term of Office for Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

## IT IS ORDERED:

1. Rule 26.5 is added to the Alaska Rules Governing the Administration of All Courts and shall read:

## RULE 26.5. CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS.

- (a) The chief justice shall designate one judge of the court of appeals to be the chief judge of that court. A judge designated chief judge shall hold office as such for a term of two years, or until he or she ceases to be a judge of the court of appeals, whichever is shorter. A chief judge shall be eligible to serve successive terms in that office.
- (b) The chief judge, in addition to his or her regular judicial duties, shall perform such other duties as the chief justice and the court of appeals may direct.

- (c) If the chief judge is unable to perform his or her duties, the judge of the court of appeals who has served as such for the longest time, among those who are available, shall be acting chief judge unless the chief justice orders otherwise.
- 2. Nothwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a), above, upon organization of the court of appeals the term of the first chief judge shall expire on December 31, 1982.

DATED: November 24, 1980
EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 1980, nunc pro tunc.
Chief Justice
Roger H. Comor
Justice
Mond Dustice
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Justice

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