## SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA ORDER NO. 624

Amending Civil Rule 84, Relating to Change of Name

IT IS ORDERED:

(e) Change of Name for Minor Child. An action for change of name for a minor child will be commenced by the filing of a verified petition in the name of a parent or guardian on behalf of the minor child, showing the name which the petitioner desires the child to assume and setting forth the reasons for requesting the change of name. No petition will be heard unless written consent to the petition is filed by both the child's legal parents and the child's legal guardians (if any), or unless proof of service is filed with the court showing that the child's parent(s) and legal guardian(s) have been served with a summons and a copy of the petition at least 30 days prior to the date

set for hearing. Service of the petition and summons will be in accord with the provisions of these rules applicable to the service of

a complaint and summons. The summons must advise the recipient of the

date set for hearing on the petition.

Civil Rule 84 is amended by adding a new subsection (e) to read as follows:

If the court receives an objection to the proposed name change presented by a parent and/or legal guardian of the child prior to or at the time of the hearing on the proposed name change, the court shall consider the objection and shall only grant the name change if the court finds the name change to be in the best interest of the child. The court shall also consider the desires of a child old enough to express the same in determining whether a requested name change will be granted.

Supreme Court Order No. 624 effective date June 15, 1985

The requirements of (b) and (c) of this rule apply to a change of name proceeding brought under this section.

DATED: April 11 1985

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15,198.

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