IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 839

Amending District Court Civil Rule 17(f) concerning dismissal for want of prosecution in small claims court

IT IS ORDERED:

District Court Civil Rule 17(f) is amended to provide:

Dismissal for Want of Prosecution. (f) Actions which have been pending in a court for more than six months without any proceedings having been taken may be dismissed as a matter of course for want of prosecution by the court on its own motion or on motion of a party to the action. The clerk shall review all pending cases semi-annually, and in all cases in which no proceedings have been taken for more than six months, shall send notice to the parties to show cause in writing why the action should not be dismissed. If good cause to the contrary is not shown within 30 days of distribution of the notice, the court shall dismiss the action. The clerk may dismiss actions under this paragraph if a party has not opposed dismissal. A dismissal for want of prosecution is without prejudice unless the court states in the order that the case is dismissed with prejudice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 1987

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Justice Matthews

Justice Compton

Justice Moore