IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 939

> Amending Criminal Rule 17(b) concerning public representation

IT IS ORDERED:

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Criminal Rule 17(b) is amended to provide:

(b) Defendants Unable to Pay. A subpoena shall be issued by the clerk as provided in section (a) for a defendant financially unable to pay the fees of the witness. The determination of financial inability shall be made in accordance with the criteria provided under rule 39(b) of these rules, and if the defendant is represented by court appointed counsel no further showing of financial inability shall be required. Subpoenas issued under this section (b) shall contain an order to appear without the prepayment of any witness fee. The cost incurred by the process and the fees of the witness so subpoenaed, shall be paid by the public agency providing representation.

DATED: September 8, 1988

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 15, 1989

Justice Matthews

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Justice Burke

Justice Compton