

IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1156

Amending Alaska Bar Rules
15(a) and 39(a) concerning
housekeeping changes.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Alaska Bar Rule 15(a) is amended to provide:

(a) **Grounds for Discipline.** In addition to those standards of conduct prescribed by the Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct, Ethics Opinions adopted by the Board of Governors of the Bar, and the Code of Judicial Conduct, the following acts or omissions by a member of the Alaska Bar Association, or by any attorney who appears, participates, or otherwise engages in the practice of law in this State, individually or in concert with any other person or persons, will constitute misconduct and will be grounds for discipline whether or not the act or omission occurred in the course of an attorney-client relationship:

. . .

2. Alaska Bar Rule 39(a) is amended to provide:

(a) **Notice Requirement by Attorney to Client.** At the time of service of a summons in a civil action against his or her client for the recovery of fees for professional

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services rendered, an attorney will serve upon the client a written "notice of client's right to arbitrate," which will state:

You are notified that you have a right to file a Petition for Arbitration of Fee Dispute and stay this civil action. Forms and instructions for filing a Petition for Arbitration of Fee Dispute and a motion for stay are available from the Alaska Bar Association, 510 L Street, Suite 602, Anchorage, AK 99501-1958, (907) 272-7469. If you do not file the Petition for Arbitration of Fee Dispute within 30 days after your receipt of this notice, you will waive your right to arbitration.

Failure to give this notice will be grounds for dismissal of the civil action.

DATED: April 20, 1994

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 15, 1994

Chief Justice Moore

Justice Rabinowitz

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Justice Matthews

Justice Compton

Justice Bryner, Pro Tem