IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

ORDER NO. 8144

Regarding Grand Jury, Jury Trials and Non-Jury Proceedings

Under the authority of Supreme Court Order No. 1957,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Grand jury proceedings may resume beginning June 1, 2020, subject to any restrictions imposed by the presiding judge(s). The time limits for preliminary examination under Alaska Criminal Rule 5(e) are extended beginning March 23 through July 31 and may be extended thereafter as provided in that rule.

2. Jury trials remain suspended until at least July 6. The period of this delay, beginning March 16, will continue to be excluded in computing the time for trial under Alaska Criminal Rule 45(d). When this suspension is lifted, the time for trial will continue to be tolled for the time necessary to permit an orderly transition and scheduling.

3. Non-jury proceedings in both criminal and civil cases may resume beginning June 1, subject to any restrictions imposed by the presiding judge(s).

4. All court proceedings shall be conducted with strict adherence to social distancing, face coverings, and other health requirements imposed by government health mandates, presiding judge orders, and administrative bulletins.

DATED: May 11, 2020

Joel H. Bolger
Chief Justice

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