

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SPECIAL ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE
ORDER NO. 8157

Update authorizing Second Judicial District Grand Jury video conference pilot

Under the authority of Supreme Court Order No. 1957,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Second Judicial District may conduct a pilot project allowing grand jury proceedings by videoconference;
2. As part of this project, the presiding judge may allow witnesses, interpreters, prosecutors, grand jurors, and other required participants to participate by videoconference, but the grand jury foreperson must be personally present at the courthouse;
3. The prosecutor and the foreperson shall ensure that all grand jurors can see, hear, and communicate with the other participants;
4. The prosecutor shall require all participants to verify that their participation cannot be overheard and to notify the foreperson immediately if any person can overhear their participation; and
5. All participants shall maintain the secrecy of grand jury proceedings as required by Criminal Rule 6(1).

DATED: June 22, 2020



Joel H. Bolger
Chief Justice

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