

**SPECIAL ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT  
OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**ORDER NO. 7081**

Authorizing an out-of-state lawyer to temporarily practice law in Alaska to provide pro bono legal services to a victim of the November 30, 2018 earthquake.

1. On November 30, 2018, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck the southcentral region of Alaska causing significant damage to homes, businesses, schools and government offices. Since November 30<sup>th</sup>, the area has continued to experience earthquake aftershocks. In January 2019 the President of the United States issued a disaster declaration for the Municipality of Anchorage, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough. As of February 13, 2019, over 13,000 damage claims had been filed with the State, according to Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

2. Based on the magnitude of the earthquake and the volume of claims filed, the Alaska Bar Association anticipates insufficient legal resources will be available for Alaska earthquake victims, especially low-income individuals. The Bar Association has requested the Supreme Court to allow out-of-state lawyers to temporarily practice law in Alaska to provide pro bono legal services to earthquake victims for earthquake-related, civil legal issues. This request requires a deviation from Alaska Bar Rules 1 through 6 that govern the admission to practice law in Alaska.

**3. IT IS ORDERED that a lawyer admitted to practice law in another United States jurisdiction may temporarily provide pro bono legal services in Alaska through Alaska Free Legal Answers or the Alaska Legal Services Corporation to assist an individual or nonprofit agency with civil legal issues arising from or related to the earthquake and its aftershocks.**

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this provisional authorization is subject to the following conditions:

- a. The lawyer must be in good standing with the entity that governs the practice of law in each jurisdiction where the lawyer is licensed.
- b. The lawyer's license has not been revoked or suspended in any jurisdiction in which the lawyer has ever been licensed to practice law.
- c. The lawyer must comply with Rule 5.5 of the Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct and Civil Rule 81 if the lawyer enters an appearance in a civil proceeding pending with the Alaska state court or administrative agency.
- d. The lawyer must abide by the Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct and agree to submit to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Alaska Supreme Court and the Alaska Bar Association.
- e. The lawyer must complete, sign, and submit a registration form to the Alaska Bar Association.
- f. The limited authorization to practice law in Alaska under this Order ends December 31, 2019.

DATED: February 28, 2019  
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 28, 2019

/s/  
Chief Justice Joel H. Bolger

/s/  
Justice Daniel E. Winfree

/s/  
Justice Craig Stowers

/s/  
Justice Peter J. Maassen

/s/  
Justice Susan M. Carney