

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 2027

Rescinding and readopting
Administrative Rule 33 concerning
training judges for magistrate
judges.

IT IS ORDERED:

Administrative Rule 33 is rescinded and readopted as follows:

~~Rule 33. Magistrate Judge Training Judges.~~

~~The chief justice shall appoint one or more judges in each judicial district to be a training judge in that district. The training judges shall keep themselves and the presiding judge of their districts regularly informed as to the status of the calendars in the magistrate judge locations in the district assigned to them and shall visit these magistrate judge locations in the district as often as required by the presiding judge or the chief justice for the purpose of providing such training and assistance to the magistrate judges as may be necessary. The training judge shall make such examinations, inspections and reports on the functions performed by the magistrate judges as may be required by the presiding judge or the administrative director.~~

Rule 33. Magistrate Judge Training Judges.

(a) Appointment. The chief justice shall appoint one or more judicial officers from each district to serve as training judges for two-year terms.

(b) Assignment. Training judges may be assigned to magistrate judges in any judicial district.

(c) Role. The role of the training judge is to provide training, assistance, and mentorship to a magistrate judge. The training judge also assists in the evaluation of a magistrate judge's performance.

(d) Duties. A training judge shall maintain contact with a magistrate judge to whom the training judge has been assigned as prescribed by the presiding judge, the presiding judge's designee, or the administrative director. The training judge must gather information about the magistrate judge's work performance including, but not limited to, observing the magistrate judge on the bench, listening to court proceedings, reviewing case files in which the magistrate judge has performed work, and communicating with others at the court and in the community about the magistrate judge's performance. The training judge shall provide training and assistance to the magistrate judge based upon the training judge's assessment of the magistrate judge's needs or as directed by the presiding judge, the presiding judge's designee, or the administrative director. The training judge shall provide information to the presiding judge, the presiding judge's designee, and the administrative director for the purpose of evaluating the magistrate judge's performance.

DATED: December 18, 2024

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 18, 2024

/s/
Chief Justice Maassen

/s/
Justice Carney

/s/
Justice Borghesan

/s/
Justice Henderson

/s/
Justice Pate