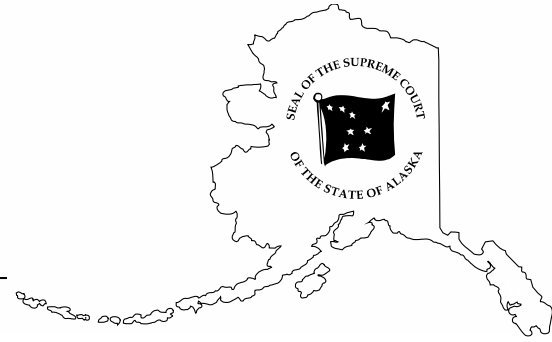


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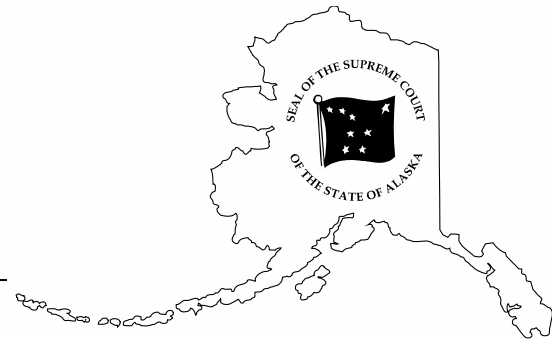


House Finance Committee Alaska Court System Overview

Doug Wooliver,
Deputy Administrative Director
January 30, 2014



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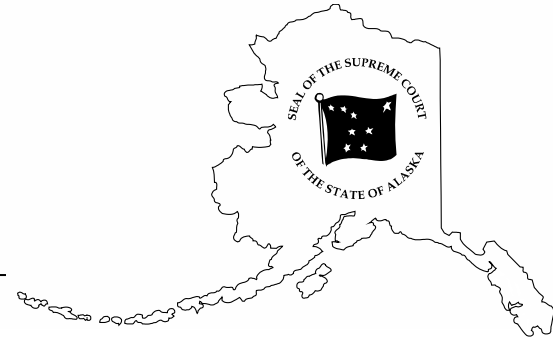


Mission Statement

The mission of the Alaska Court System is to provide an accessible and impartial forum for the just resolution of all cases that come before it, and to decide such cases in accordance with the law, expeditiously and with integrity.



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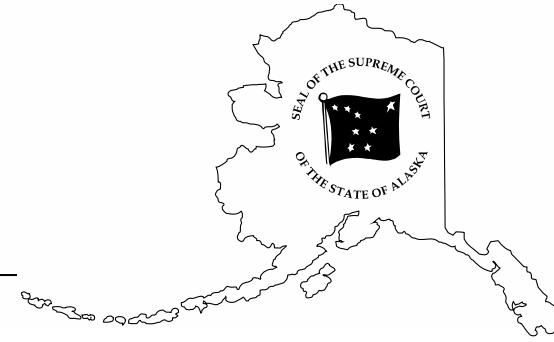


Distinguishing Characteristics of the Alaska Court System

- State Funded
- Unified Judiciary— No County or Municipal Courts
- Administrative Director Position Established in the Constitution



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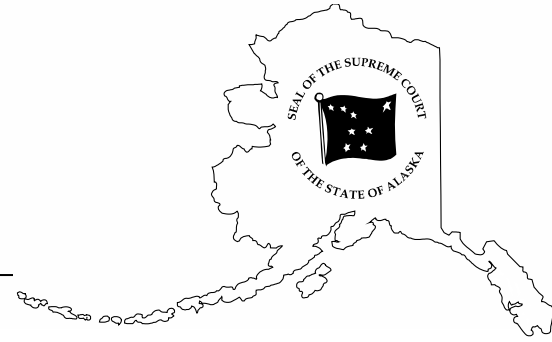


Court System Employees

- About 800 Permanent (GF-Funded)
 - Primarily Clerical Employees
 - Five Supreme Court Justices
 - Three Court of Appeal Judges
 - 42 Superior Court Judges
 - 23 District Court Judges
 - 51 Magistrate Judges



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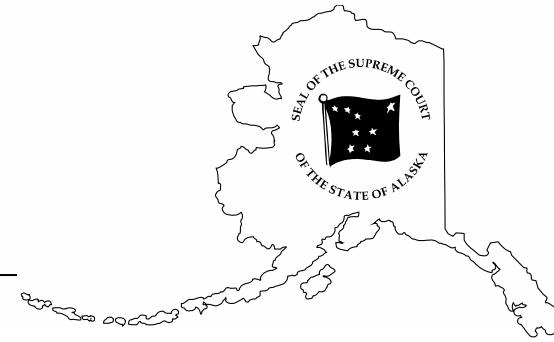


Factors Impacting Workloads

- Population
- Police
- Economy
- Other



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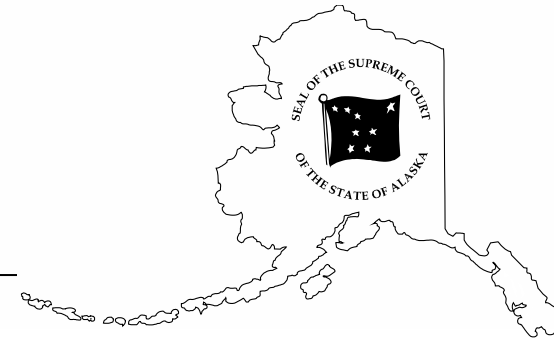


Caseloads – FY12 vs. FY13

- 138,782 New Cases Filed in FY13
 - 59% of All Cases Originated in the Anchorage/Palmer/Kenai Courts
- Superior Court Caseload is up 3%
 - Felony Cases up 6%
 - Child in Need of Aid (CINA) Cases up 6%
- District Court Caseload is down 10%
 - Minor Offenses are down 15%



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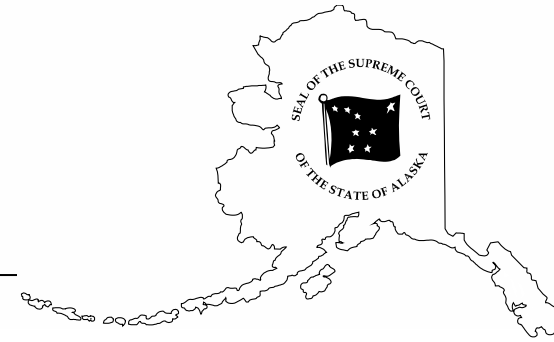


State of Alaska Criminal Trial Totals Calendar Years 2011 – 2013

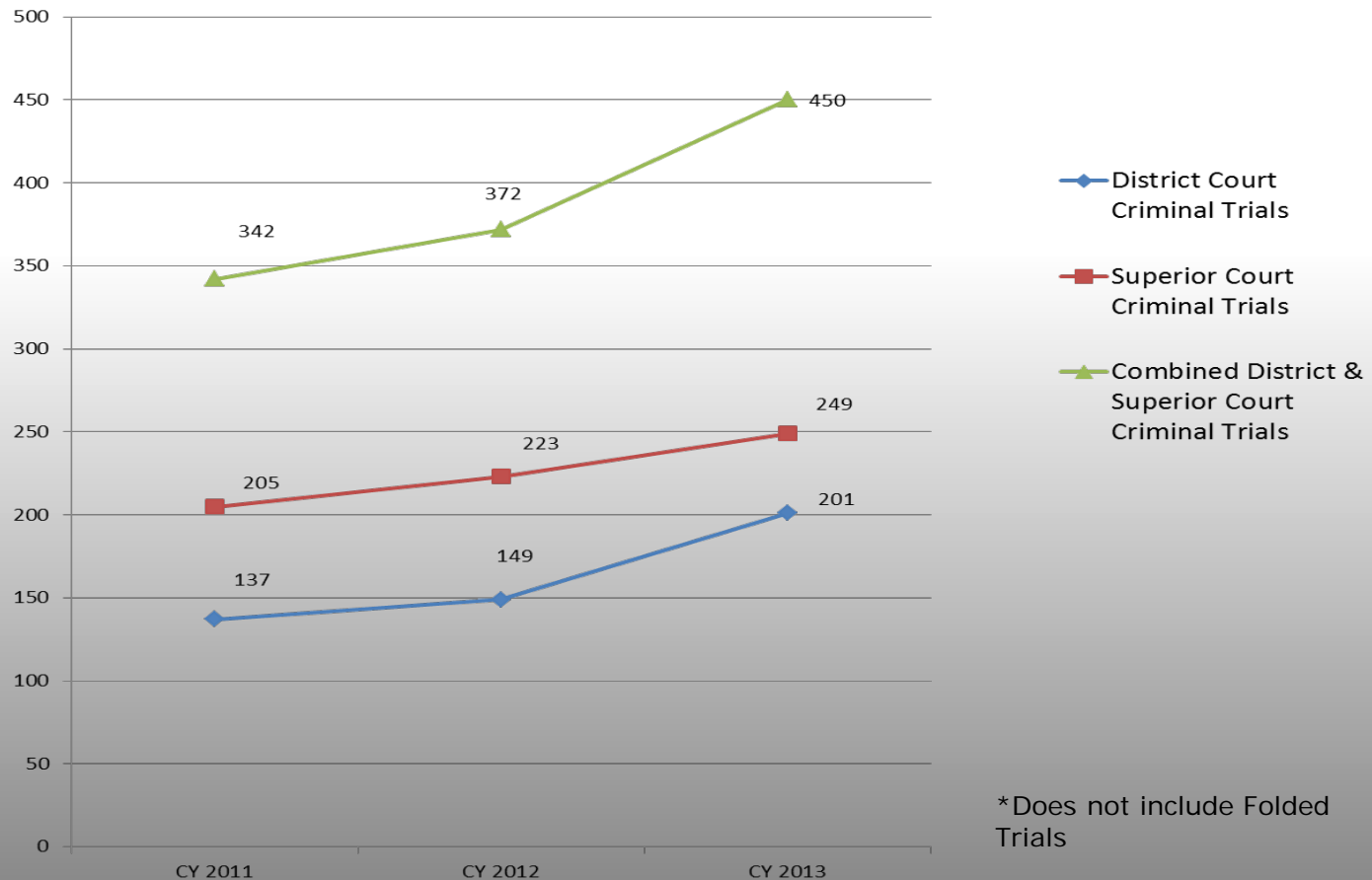
- Superior Court Trials for 2013 are up 21% from 2011 Trial Totals and up 12% from 2012 Trial Totals
- District Court Trials for 2013 are up 47% from 2011 Trial Totals and up 35% from 2012 Trial Totals



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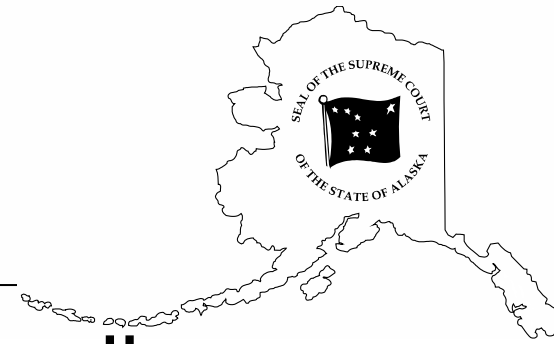


**Alaska Court System
State of Alaska Criminal Jury Trials*
Calendar Years 2011 to 2013**

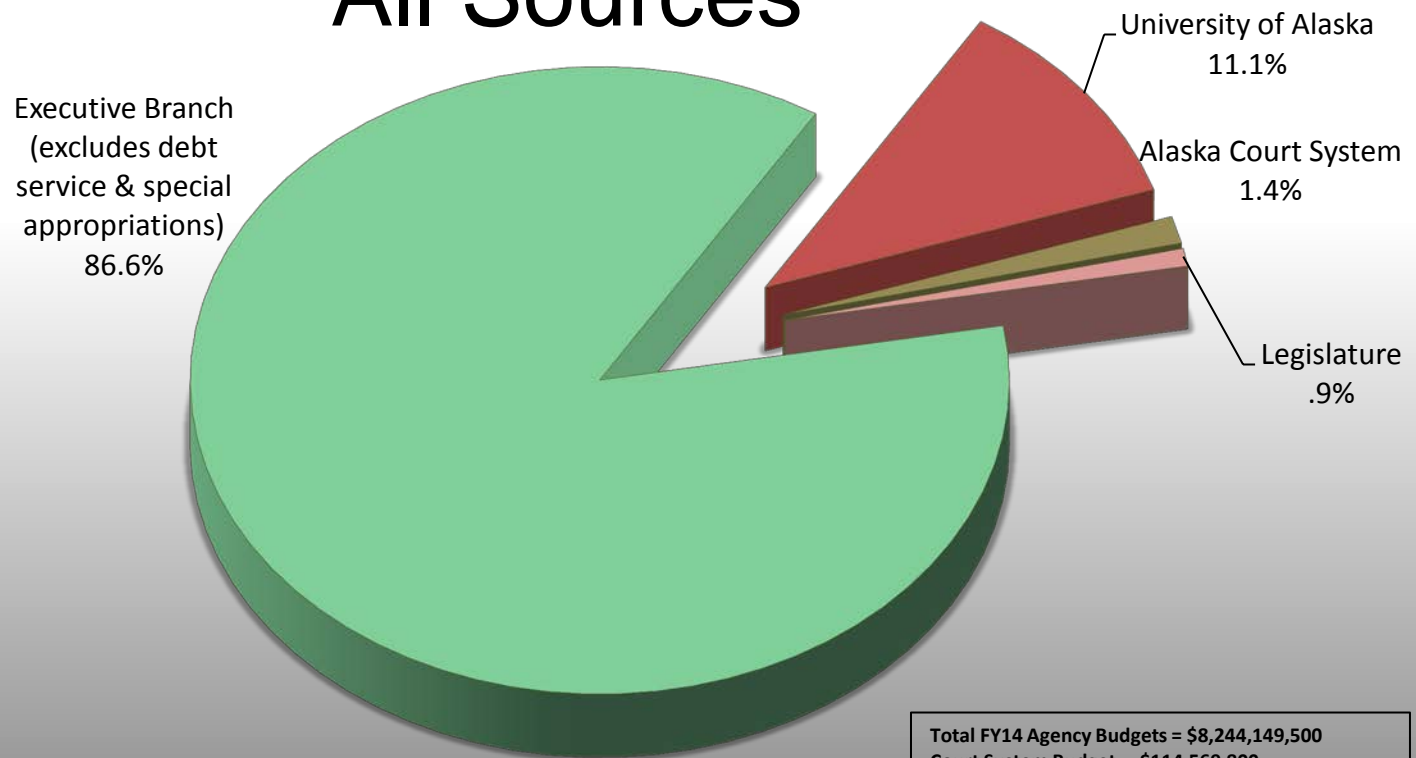


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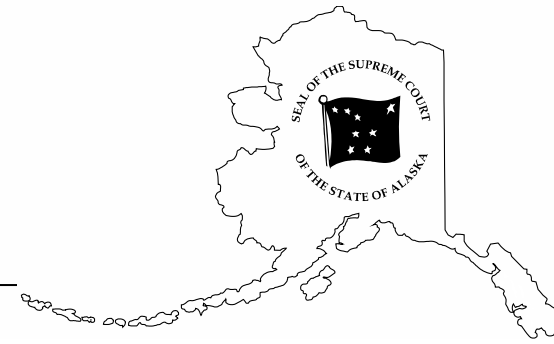
FY14 State of Alaska Funding – All Sources



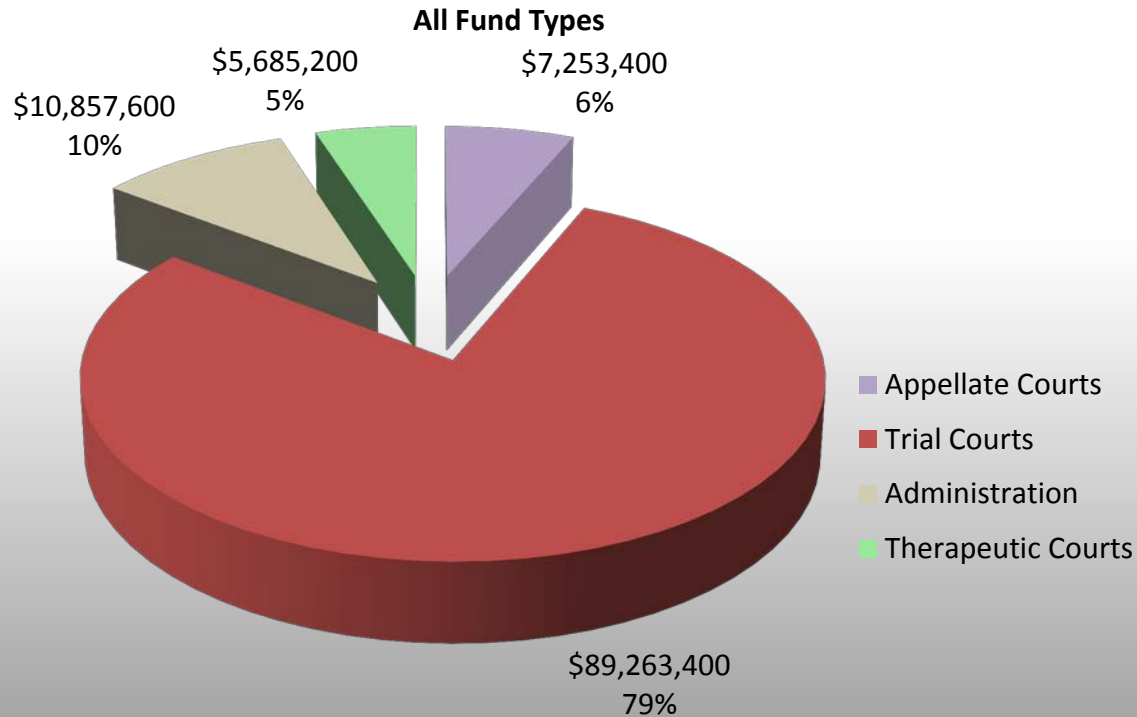
Source: Legislative Finance Division,
Summary of Appropriations – 2013 Legislature

Total FY14 Agency Budgets = \$8,244,149,500
Court System Budget = \$114,569,800
(includes Judicial Council & Judicial Conduct)

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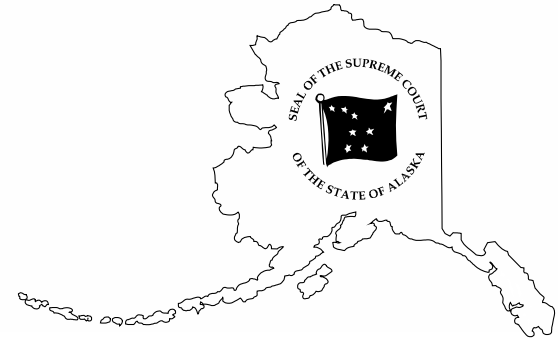


Alaska Court System FY14 Operating Budget Appropriation



Total FY14 Funding = \$113,059,600
(excludes Judicial Council and Judicial Conduct)

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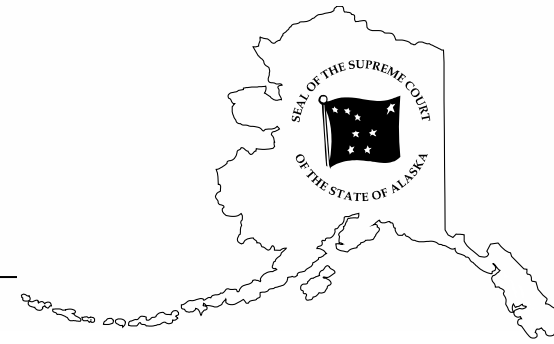


Breakdown of FY14 Funding (GF)

- ☐ Personal Services Costs – 76.0%
- ☐ Travel Costs – 1.3%
- ☐ Services – 19.6%
- ☐ Supplies/Commodities – 2.8%
- ☐ Capital Outlay - .3%



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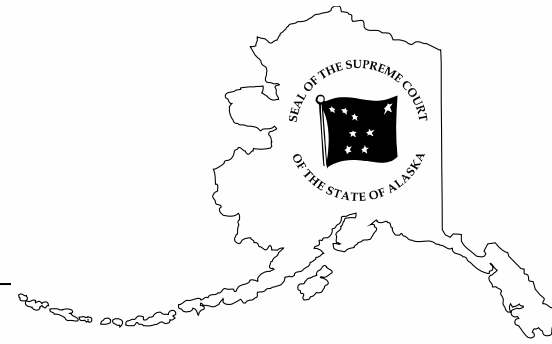


Increments Funded in FY14

- Bandwidth to Improve Network Transmission Speeds
- Therapeutic Courts
- Leases, Utilities, and Software Support
- Bethel Accommodation



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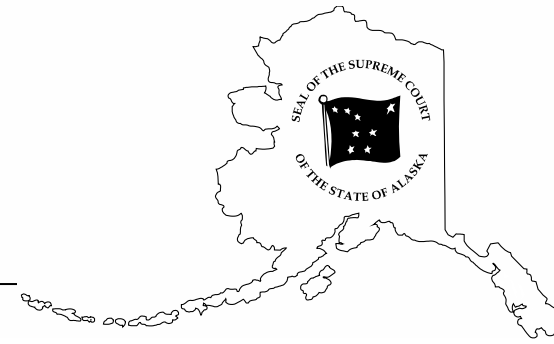


FY15 Funding Requested

- Utilities, Contractual Services, and Leases – \$173,800
- Expanded Security Screening Services – \$400,000
- Wide Area Network Bandwidth Expansion – \$636,100
- Court Visitor Program – \$60,000 (adjusted from \$107,000)
- Increased Jury Expenses – \$200,000



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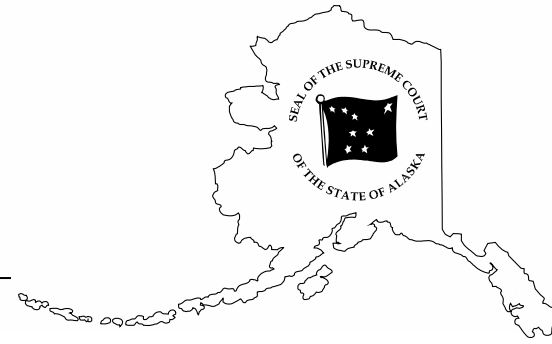


FY15 Funding Requested (Continued)

- Computer Replacement Funding - \$175,000
 - Increase Base Funding to \$600,000
- Interpreter & Translation Services - \$25,000
- Transcripts Prepared for OPA and PDA - \$60,000



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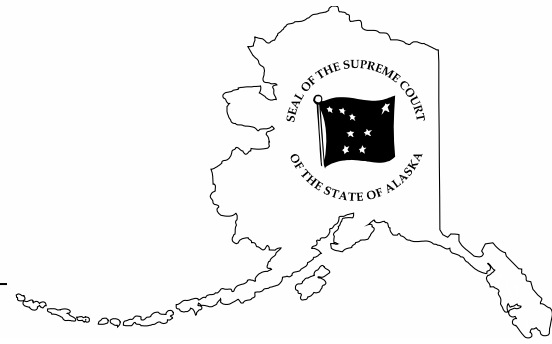


Funding Changes FY06 to FY15 Personal Services:

- Salary Adjustments
- New Judges – Eight Superior Court and Three District Court
- No Dark Courtrooms Initiative



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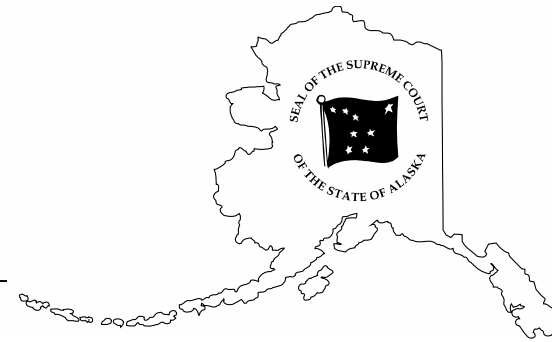


Funding Changes FY06 to FY15 Services:

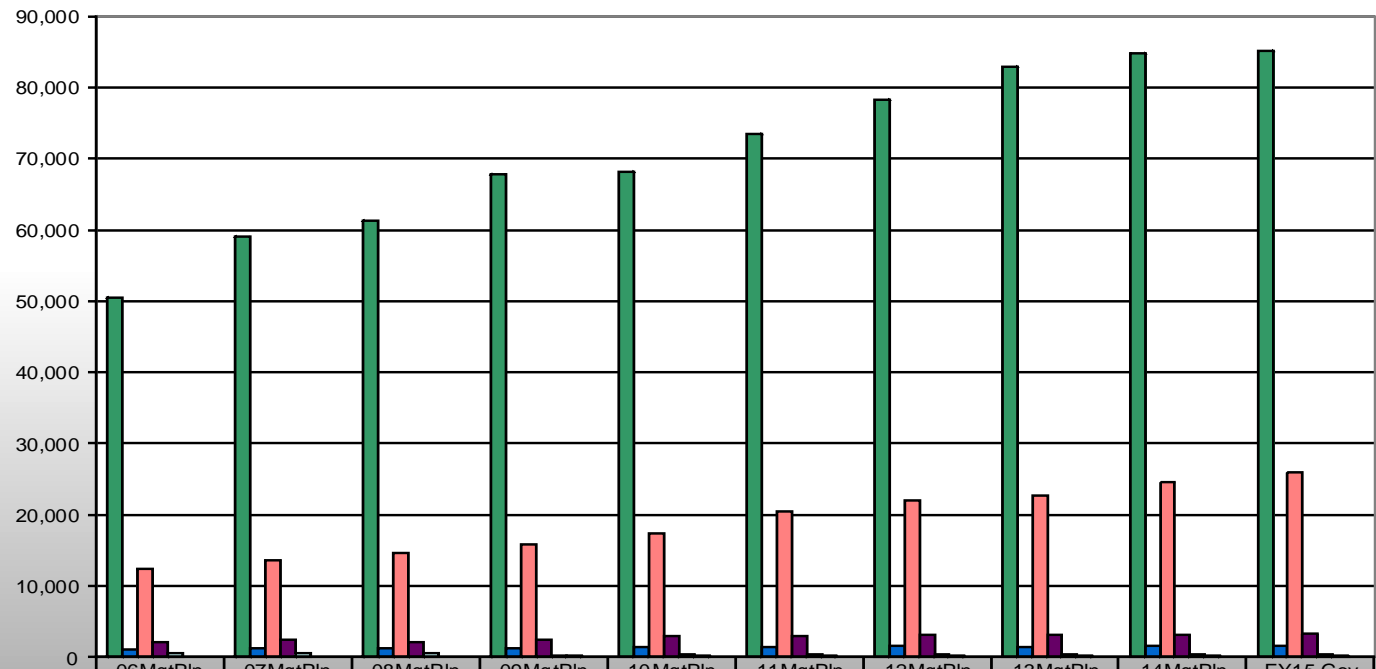
- Leased Facility Expenses including Public Building Fund Participation
- Utility and Maintenance Costs
- Software Support & Bandwidth Costs
- Therapeutic Courts



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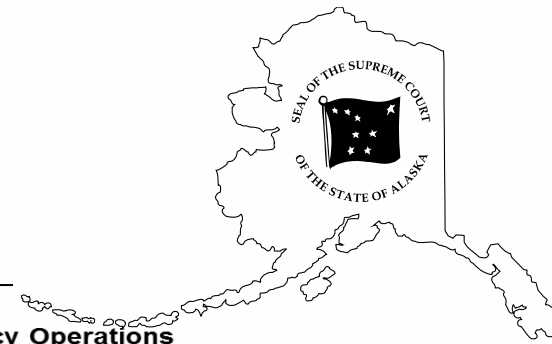


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Line Item Comparison
(All Funds)
(\$ Thousands)



Personal Services	50,445	59,040	61,392	67,780	68,122	73,443	78,238	82,929	84,777	85,173
Travel	1,140	1,189	1,269	1,293	1,486	1,466	1,500	1,492	1,516	1,516
Services	12,314	13,639	14,557	15,839	17,422	20,486	21,992	22,741	24,641	25,942
Commodities	2,015	2,374	2,060	2,376	2,902	3,032	3,177	3,148	3,154	3,304
Capital Outlay	509	509	504	267	292	312	337	337	337	362
Grants, Benefits	-	-	-	100	144	144	144	144	144	144
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

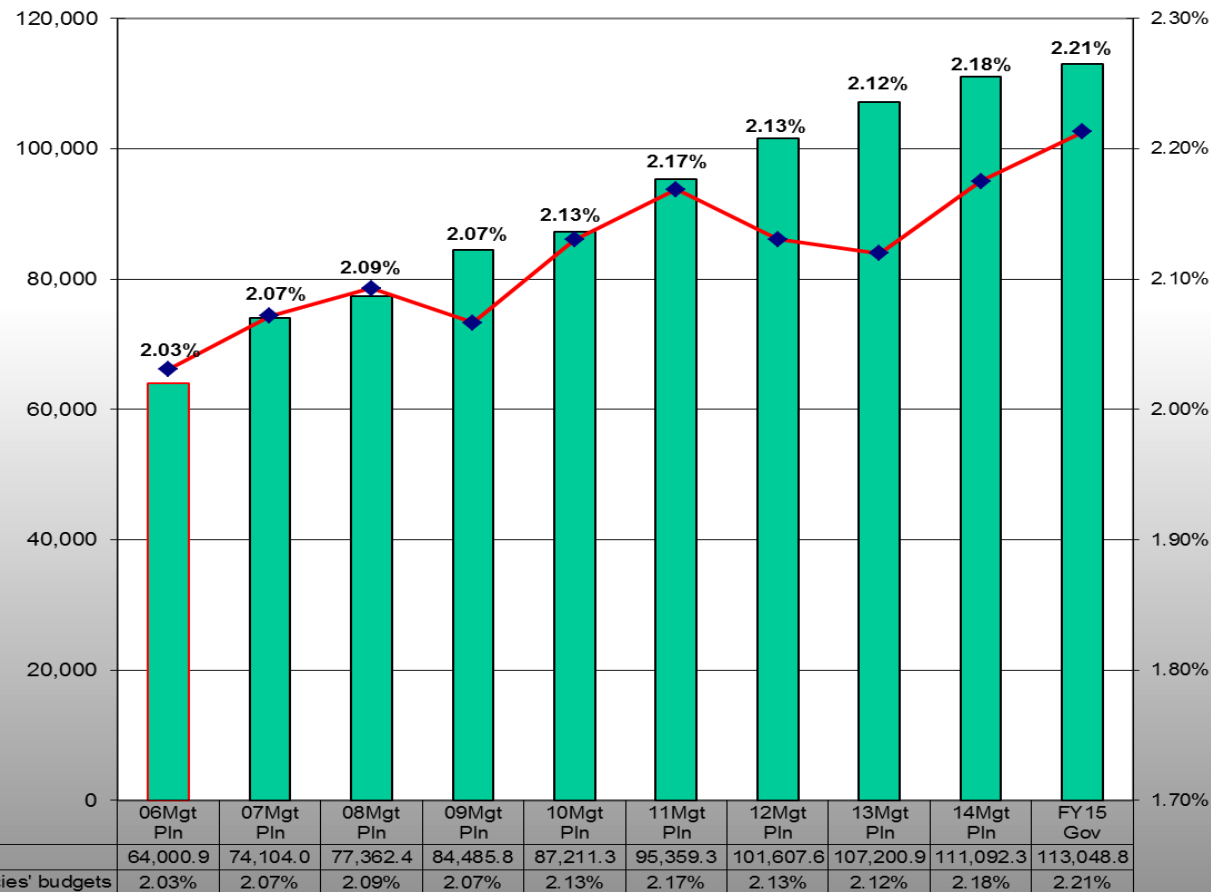
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The Court System's GF budget grew by \$49 million between FY06 and the FY15 Governor's Request -- an average annual growth rate of 6.5%.

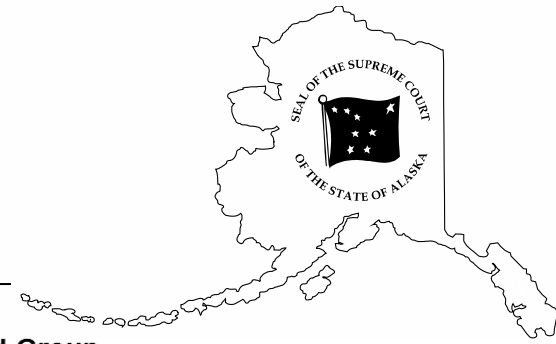
* The agency's total FY15 Governor's Request GF budget equals \$341 per resident worker.

**Alaska Court System's Share of Total Agency Operations
(GF Only)
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* According to the Department of Labor, there were 331,081 resident workers in Alaska in 2011

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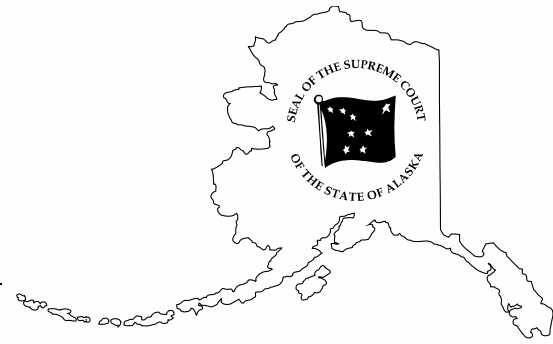


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Percent of the Total Agency's Budget by Fund Group
(All Funds)
(\$ Thousands)



■ Federal Receipts (Fed)	1,525.6	1,675.6	1,675.6	1,675.6	1,675.6	1,675.6	1,675.6	1,675.6	1,675.6	1,425.6
■ Other State Funds (Other)	896.6	971.3	743.8	1,493.8	1,481.3	1,848.9	2,106.0	1,914.5	1,801.9	1,967.0
■ Designated General (DGF)	-	-	-	-	-	518.0	518.0	518.0	518.0	518.0
■ Unrestricted General (UGF)	64,000.9	74,104.0	77,362.4	84,485.8	87,211.3	94,841.3	101,089.	106,682.	110,574.	112,530.

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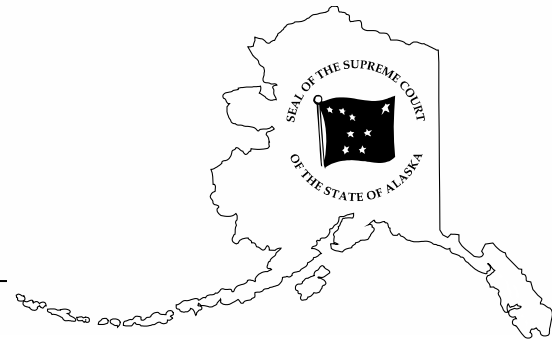


FY16 and Beyond

- Electronic Document Management (E-Filing) Project
 - Impact to All Justice Agencies
 - Improve Public Access to Data and Case Information
 - Facilitate Data Exchanges Between Justice Agencies
 - Improve Case Processing Efficiencies



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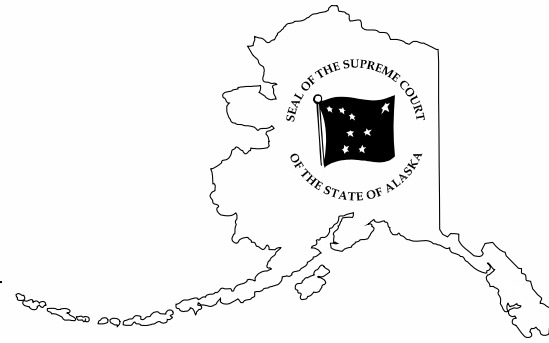


FY16 and Beyond...(Cont.)

- In the Near Term, New Superior Court Judges may be Needed for Juneau, Bethel, and Palmer Courts
- In the Long Term, New Judges may be Needed Due to Population Changes in Southcentral Alaska



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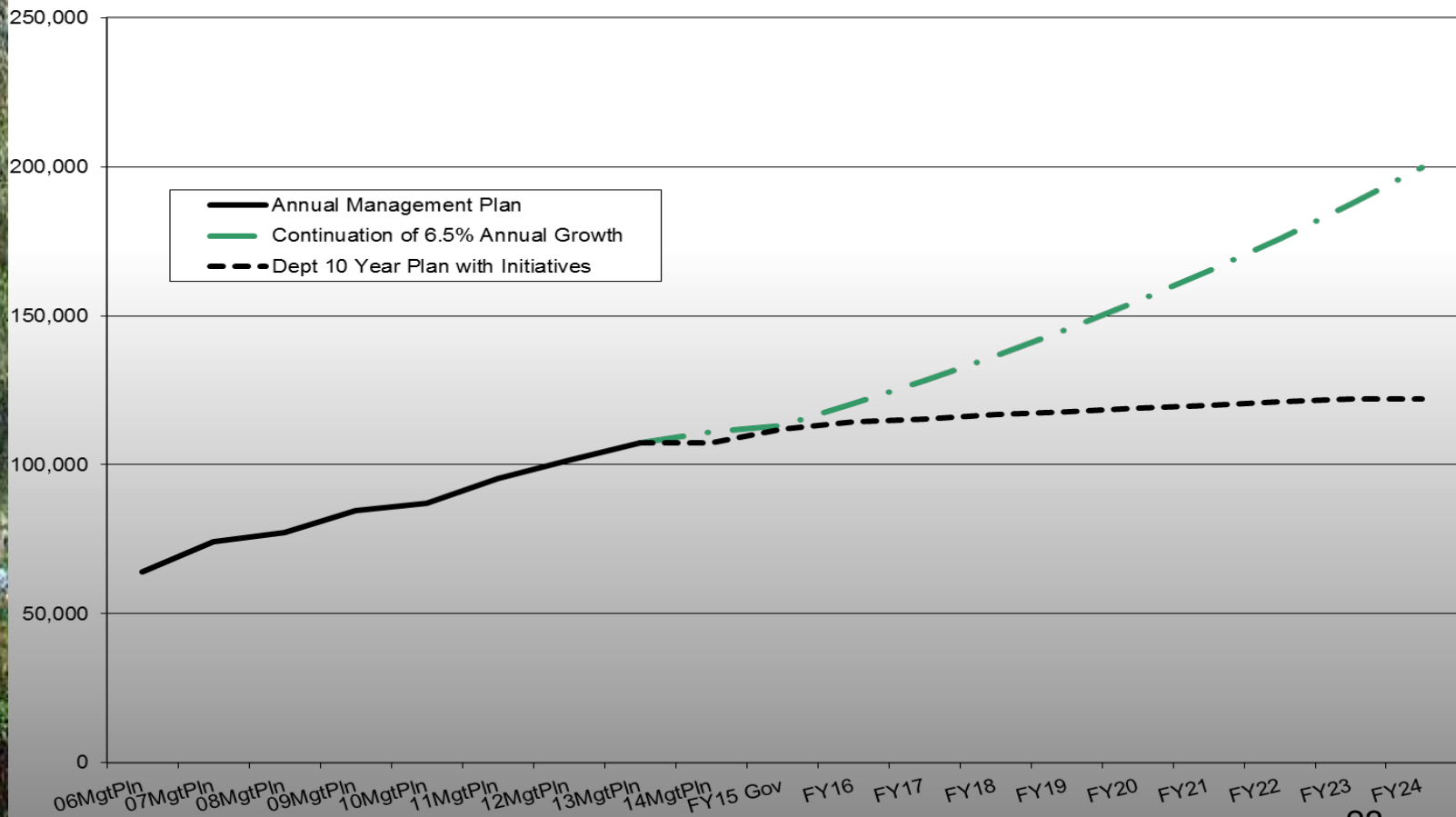
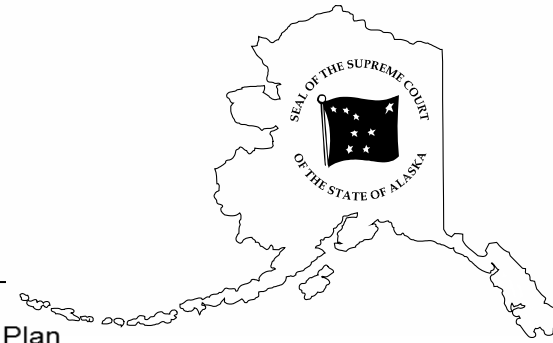
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- Improvement of Justice Facilities in Juneau, Kotzebue, Bethel, and Nome and Additional Space in Palmer
- Video Arraignment and Bandwidth Expansion

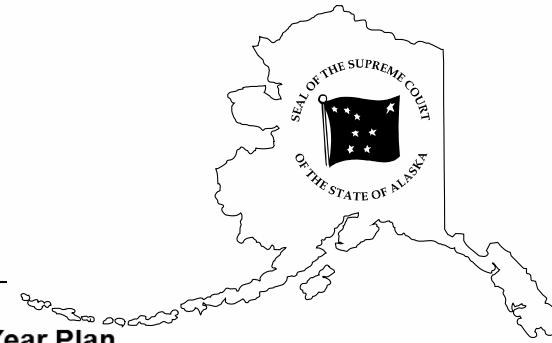


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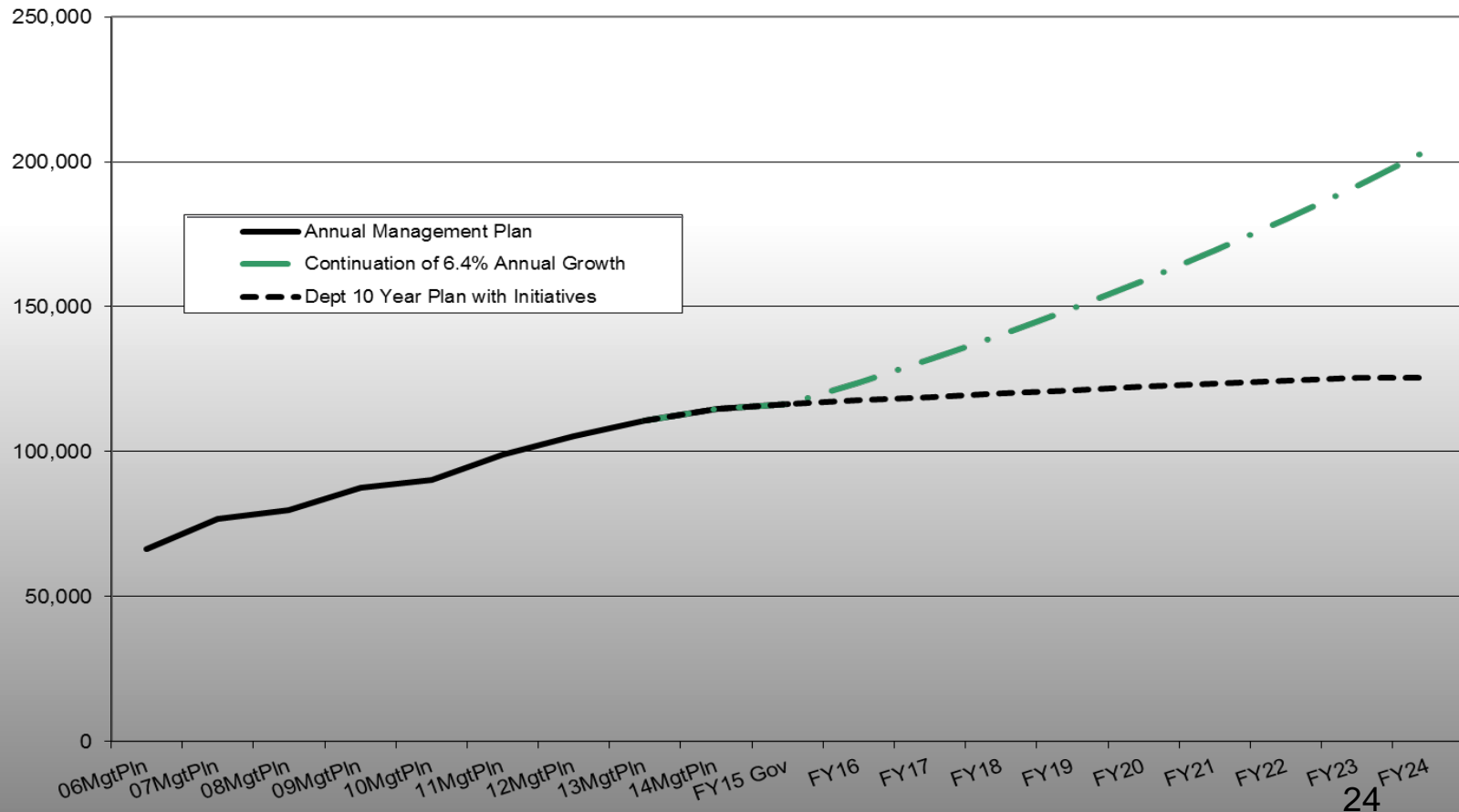
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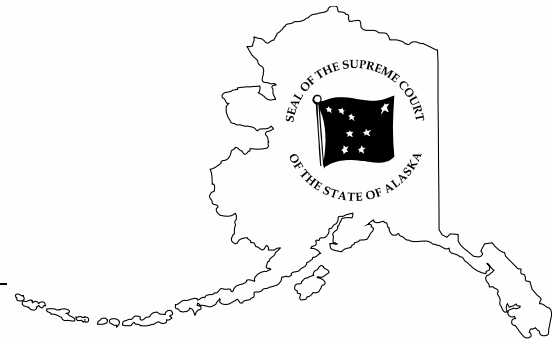
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