ANCHORAGE BAR ASSOCIATION

Resolution No. 2017-1

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF HB 104 AND SB 67, REPEALING CIVIL CASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, AS 09.68.130, Alaska Civil Rule 41(a)(3) and Appellate Rule 511(e) presently require the submission of information about the resolution of Civil Cases to the Alaska Judicial Council upon the completion of many civil cases on a form prepared by the Alaska Judicial Council,

WHEREAS, the preparation and filing of these forms is a burden on many attorneys and a financial burden on their clients without any corresponding public benefit,

WHEREAS, there is no apparent effective sanction imposed for non-compliance,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Judicial Council does not have adequate funding and resources to do anything meaningful with this information, and nothing is presently being done with it, and supports HB 104 and SB 67, and the repeal of these requirements,

WHEREAS, whatever purpose the collection of this information was originally supposed to fulfill has been fulfilled by the published report of the Alaska Judicial Council dated February 2000, for data collected from September 1997 to May 1999,

WHEREAS, repeal of AS 09.68.130, Alaska Civil Rule 41(a)(3) and Appellate Rule 511(e) will allow the State, the members of the Alaska Bar Association, and their clients to save substantial amounts of time and money which are now spent to prepare these reports,

WHEREAS, HB 104 has passed the House of Representatives unanimously and has been forwarded to the Senate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ANCHORAGE BAR ASSOCIATION, that:

HB 104 and SB 67 should be enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska, and the Civil Case Reporting requirements repealed.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2017.

Shane E. Vevesque, President Anchorage Bar Association.