UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the District of Alaska

In the Matter of

AMENDED LOCAL RULE REGARDING JUROR CONTACT

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL ORDER NO. 20-01

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The following provisions regarding contact with trial jurors apply in this District unless otherwise ordered by the Court:

- (a) **Before or During Trial** No party, attorney, or other interested person may contact or communicate with, directly or indirectly, any juror, prospective juror, or member of such juror's or prospective juror's family.
- (b) After Trial After the jury concludes its deliberations and is discharged, a party, attorney, or other interested person may communicate with a juror who first initiates contact. Unless otherwise ordered, no party, lawyer, investigator, or other agent for a party shall attempt to initiate contact with any trial juror, including any alternate juror. Jurors are free to, but are under no obligation to, discuss the trial in which the juror has been a participant.
- **(c) Notice** Subsections (a) and (b) will be posted in the jury rooms of this District and jurors will be instructed fully as to this matter.

Local Criminal Rule 24.1 and Local Civil Rule 39.5 are hereby superseded by this General Order.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 7th day of January, 2020.

/s/ Timothy M. Burgess

TIMOTHY M. BURGESS, Chief Judge United States District Court

/s/ Sharon L. Gleason

SHARON L. GLEASON, Judge United States District Court

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