IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

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JAMES B. GOTTSTEIN
N-05-459 P/R

ORDER DENYING RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES

Respondent seeks to recover \$10,746 in actual attorney's fees resulting from a involuntary commitment proceeding. This court finds that A.R.C.P. 82 does not apply to this proceeding. Application of A.R.C.P. 82 to an involuntary commitment proceeding would be inconsistent with Probate Rules and would interfere with the unique character and purpose of probate proceedings. See Probate Rule 1(e).

This court further finds that an award of A.R.C.P. 82 fees against the State would interfere with the protective nature of the proceedings contained in AS 47.30.700 et seq. and would violate AS 47.30.815.

Finally, this court finds that respondent is not the "prevailing party" under

A.R.C.P. 82.

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Superior Court Judge

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