

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

In the Matter of: )  
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Redistricting Challenges, )  
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**AMENDED<sup>1</sup> PRESIDING JUDGES' STATEWIDE  
CONSOLIDATION AND VENUE ORDER**

*Calendaring Order*

On 19 November 2021 the Presiding Judges issued the following Order:

On 10 November 2021 the Alaska Redistricting Board issued its Final Proclamation of Redistricting defining new state legislative districts for the next decade. The decennial redistricting has usually been challenged in court, often in more than one case. Civil Rule 90.8 sets procedures for these challenges. Any challenge must be filed within 30 days of the proclamation. Rule 90.8(b)(1). The assignment of a judicial officers and possible consolidation of challenges are to be made by the presiding judges and the administrative director. Rule 90.8(f).

Once a challenge is filed, the assigned judge is to hold a scheduling conference. Rule 90.8(e). It will not be possible to determine to whom the cases will be assigned until all challenges have been filed. If a challenge is filed, the presiding judge of the district in which the challenge is filed will hold the requisite scheduling conference. However, no judge will be permanently assigned to any case until the 30-day period has passed. Then the presiding judges and the administrative director, if necessary, will address consolidation and the permanent assignment of a judicial officer. Only that assignment will trigger the period for the change of a judge pursuant to Civil Rule 42(c).

As of 10 December 2021, there have been five challenges filed. They are:

*City of Skagway v. Alaska Redistricting Board*, 1JU-21-00944CI;

*The City of Valdez v. Alaska Redistricting Board*, 3VA-21-00080CI;

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<sup>1</sup> This Order adds a reference to a fifth challenge, filed in Bethel.

*Matanuska-Susitna Borough v. Alaska Redistricting Board*, 3PA-21-02397CI;

*Calista Corporation v. Alaska Redistricting Board*, 4BE-21-00372 CI; and

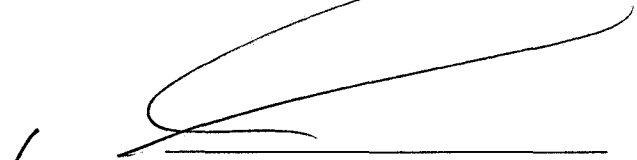
*Felisa Wilson v. Alaska Redistricting Board*, 3AN-21-08869CI.

In consideration of where the cases have been filed, the location of most of the Plaintiffs' and the Board's counsel, the likelihood that many of the same witnesses will be called in each case, and the probable impact of each case on the others, the presiding judges, after consultation with the administrative director, have agreed to consolidate the four cases, move venue to Anchorage, and assign the cases to an Anchorage judge.

The Alaska Redistricting Board has not yet answered any of the complaints.

A scheduling conference in all of the cases is set for **20 December 2021 at 11:30 a.m.** before Presiding Judge William F. Morse. This is not a permanent judicial assignment of the case. Counsel and parties may attend by calling **1.800.768.2983**, access code **2640425#**.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

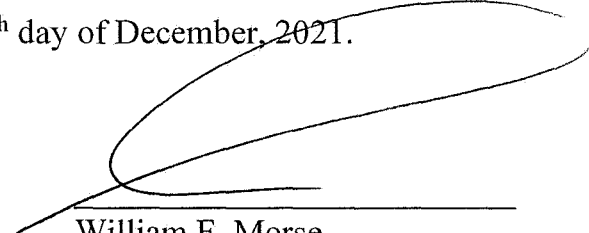
  
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Amy Mead  
Presiding Judge  
First Judicial District

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.



Paul A. Roetman  
Presiding Judge  
Second Judicial District

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.



William F. Morse  
Presiding Judge  
Third Judicial District

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.



Terrence P. Haas  
Presiding Judge  
Fourth Judicial District

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