

INFORMATION SHEET FOR ATTORNEYS APPOINTED UNDER THE SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT

YOUR APPOINTMENT, YOUR DUTIES, AND YOUR COMPENSATION

- The court entered an order appointing you under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA).
- Your appointment is limited to the duties set forth in the order.
- Your appointment does not extend to preparation of a defense on the merits of the lawsuit.
- Within 40 days, you must prepare and submit an affidavit to the court describing the efforts you made under your appointment. You may use Court Form CIV-661, *Affidavit of Attorney Appointed Under Servicemembers Civil Relief Act*. The form is available online at www.courtrecords.alaska.gov/webdocs/forms/civ-661.pdf. A copy is also attached for your convenience.
- The opposing party is required to compensate you for your limited representation. Please bill the opposing party directly. However, if the opposing party is financially unable to pay for your representation, the opposing party may file a request for exemption from payment. If the exemption request is granted by the court, you will receive a separate order from the court with instructions for filing a completed ADM-121 form for compensation at public expense at the rates set forth in Administrative Rule 12(e)(5).

THE SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT

- The current law is found at 50 U.S.C. App. § 501 *et seq.*
- The purpose of the SCRA is to enable servicemembers to devote their entire energy to the defense needs of the United States, and to provide for the temporary suspension of judicial and administrative proceedings and transactions that may adversely affect the civil rights of servicemembers during their military service.
- For more information about the SCRA, please see: *A Judge's Guide to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act* by Mark E. Sullivan, available online at <http://apps.americanbar.org/family/military/scrajudgesguidecklist.pdf>