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ALASKA COURT SYSTEM

ONLINE LEGAL NOTICES

Problem

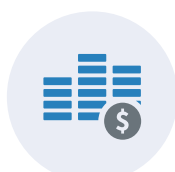
The Alaska Courts Civil Rules Committee was concerned that the civil rule requiring “service by newspaper publication” had become:



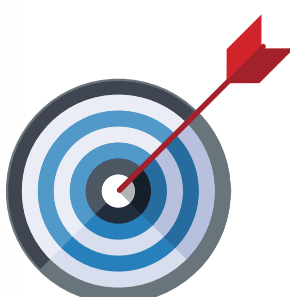
Outdated



Ineffective



Too costly



Goals

Anticipated Goal is to notify the absent defendant or interested party in a more effective way than newspaper publication.

Secondary Goal is to save costs on ineffective publication practices.

Implementation

The Alaska Court System created a Google searchable legal notice website on its homepage

www.courts.alaska.gov/notices/index.htm

The rules now allow plaintiffs, in situations where there is an absent party, to post to the court’s legal notice website:



Notices in change of name cases



Notices to absent or unknown parents in Child In Need of Aid cases

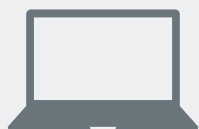


Notices to absent spouses in one spouse dissolution cases



Notices to absent parties in civil cases

Outcome



The rules allow plaintiffs in these situations to post to the Court’s Legal Notice website. This online publishing capability is triggered by specific docket entries in the Alaska Court System called **CourtView™ CMS**.

COURTVIEW™ CMS

The positive outcomes of CourtView™ CMS led to...



...a series of dockets and ticklers that are automatically launched by applicable filings and calendar updates



...crystal reports that use the information to kick off the actual publication process



...changes to or termination of the online notices that are automated through CourtView as well



Google-searchable legal notices (SCO 1834)



Eliminated publication costs



...a cooperative initiative that started with our Civil Rules Committee seeing an opportunity to help improve legal notice publication and reduce costs to citizens, then working through all of the court processes affected by such a change.”

Brenda Axtell, the CMS Manager of Alaska Court System description of the Courtview™ CMS