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AMENDMENT TO LOCAL CIVIL RULE 102(a)

Local Civil Rule 102(a) is hereby amended as follows:

(a) **Definitions**

"Complex litigation," as used in these rules, includes one or more related cases which present unusual problems and which require extraordinary treatment, including but not limited to the cases ordinarily designated as "protracted" or "big."

"Multiple litigation," as used in these rules, is two or more complex civil cases with one or more common questions of fact pending in one district.

"Multidistrict litigation," as used in these rules, is two or more civil cases with one or more common questions of fact pending in more than one federal district.

The policy of the court is to identify complex, multiple and multidistrict litigation as expeditiously as possible, and to apply where appropriate the provisions of the *Manual for Complex Litigation* ~~(1985)~~ (the most current edition is maintained by the Seattle Ninth Circuit Library).

(b) **Abrogated**

See CR 7(a) for use of Civil Cover Sheet.

Dated this 9 day of November, 1998.

JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE