UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In the Matter of the Local Rules for the Western District of Washington	)	ORDER

Civil Rule 101 for the Western District of Washington is hereby amended to read as follows:

CR 101

CASES REMOVED FROM STATE COURTS

(a) If the complaint filed in state court does not set forth the dollar amount prayed for, a removal petition shall nevertheless be governed by the time limitation of Title 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b) if a reasonable person, reading the complaint of the plaintiff, would conclude that the plaintiff was seeking damages in an amount greater than the minimum jurisdictional amount of this Court. The verified petition for removal shall in that event set forth the reasons which cause petitioner to have a good faith belief that the plaintiff is seeking damages in excess of the jurisdictional amount of this Court notwithstanding the fact that the prayer of the complaint does not specify the dollar damages being sought.

(b) Each petitioner for removal under Chapter 89 of Title 28, United States Code, shall, within ten days of filing his petition for removal, file with the Clerk of this Court black-on-white copies of all records and proceedings in the State Court, together with his or his counsel's verification that they are true and complete copies of all the records and proceedings in the State Court proceeding. The copies need not be certified or exemplified by the State Court, and the added cost of certification or exemplification will not be allowed as a cost item under 28 U.S.C. Section 1920(4) unless certification is required after an opposing party challenges the accuracy of the copies. Records and proceedings in the State Court, filed with the petition, need not be refiled.

This amendment shall be effective May 21, 1981.

Walter T. McGovern, Chief Judge
United States District Court

Donald S. Voorhees, Judge
United States District Court

Jack E. Tanner, Judge
United States District Court

Barbara J. Rothstein, Judge
United States District Court