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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL CIVIL RULES ("CRs")	)	GENERAL ORDER

The local Civil Rules ("CRs") of this Court are hereby amended as follows:

Rule CR 39.1 is amended to read:

CR 39.1

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES TO ALLEVIATE
CIVIL COURT CALENDAR CONGESTION

(a) ~~[TEMPORARY RULE]~~ OBJECTIVE

The Court finds that at the time this Rule is adopted a long-standing shortage of Judges in this District, together with sharply increased filings of criminal and civil cases and the imposition of Congressional requirements for the priority scheduling of criminal trials, have caused a chronic and serious backlog of civil cases to develop in the District. As a result, civil litigants have experienced and are experiencing severe delay and difficulty in obtaining adjudications of their rights and responsibilities. The objective of the Court and of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action cannot be achieved unless the

civil case backlog is eliminated or greatly reduced. An emergency therefore exists in the administration of civil justice in the District. This Rule is accordingly adopted for the purpose of alleviating congestion in the civil calendar while preserving to all parties their rights in full. ~~[The Rule is temporary. It shall be effective until December 31, 1979, unless sooner terminated by the Court. If the Court finds that the emergency still exists on that date, this Rule may be continued in effect thereafter by amendment hereto.]~~

This amendment shall be effective immediately upon the filing of this Order.

Dated this 14th day of ~~June~~ July, 1981.

Walter T. McGovern
Chief United States District Judge

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United States District Judge

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United States District Judge

Barbara J. Rothstein
United States District Judge