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2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

4 IN RE:
5 AMENDMENT TO LOCAL CIVIL RULE)
6 102(a))
_____)

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

8 (a) **Definitions**

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

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

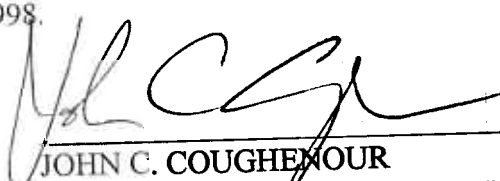
14 "Multidistrict litigation," as used in these rules, is two or more civil cases with one or more
15 common questions of fact pending in more than one federal district.

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

19 (b) **Abrogated**

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

21 Dated this 9 day of November, 1998.

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24 JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
25 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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