UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

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

Chief United States District Judge

United States District Judge

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