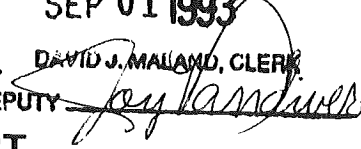


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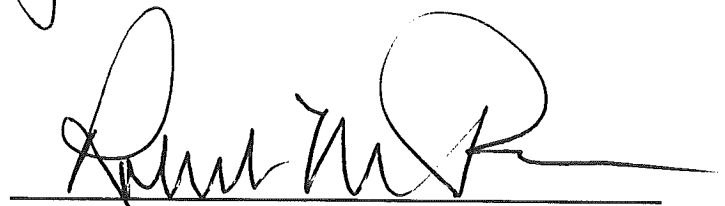
GENERAL ORDER NO. 93-11

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

ORDER REGARDING JUDICIAL REVIEW OF CIVIL IN REM FORFEITURE CASES

While judicial review and authorization of civil in rem forfeiture cases filed by the United States are not required by statute (see Rule C(3), Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims), such cases are routinely submitted for judicial review and authorization in this district. These cases frequently necessitate expedited judicial review. They also require a probable cause determination of the type regularly made by United States magistrate judges. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that civil in rem forfeiture cases filed by the United States in this district shall be reviewed and authorized by United States magistrate judges.

Signed this 31st day of August, 1993.



ROBERT M. PARKER
Chief Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION

MEMO:

DATE: September 1, 1993

TO: All District Judges
All Magistrate Judges
U.S. Attorney's Offices, Civil Divisions, Tyler, Beaumont and Sherman
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SUBJECT: General Order Regarding Judicial Review of Civil In Rem Forfeiture Cases

Attached is a copy of General Order 93-11, which requires that civil in rem forfeiture cases filed by the United States be reviewed and authorized by United States magistrate judges. In accordance with this order, civil intake personnel should ensure that a magistrate judge's name is drawn and assigned to such cases when they are opened.