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For The Northern Mariana Islands  
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the	)	General Order No. 04-00003
	)	
AMENDMENT OF THE	)	ORDER ENACTING
LOCAL RULES OF COURT	)	LOCAL RULE 5.1.j -
	)	INFORMATION TO BE
_____	)	REDACTED

IN COMPLIANCE WITH the policy of the Judicial Conference of the United States, and the E-Government Act of 2002, and in order to promote electronic access to case files while also protecting personal privacy and other legitimate interests, the court enacts this local rule, effective immediately:

**LR 5.1**

- j. Information to be Redacted. The parties shall refrain from including, or shall partially redact where inclusion is necessary, the following personal data identifiers from all pleadings filed with the court, including exhibits thereto, whether filed electronically or on paper, unless otherwise ordered by the court:**

- 1           1.    **Social Security Numbers.** If an individual's social security  
2           number must be included in a pleading, only the last four  
3           digits of the number shall be used.
- 4           2.    **Names of Minor Children.** If the involvement of a minor  
5           must be mentioned, only the initials of the child shall be  
6           used.
- 7           3.    **Dates of Birth.** If an individual's date of birth must be  
8           included in a pleading, only the year shall be used.
- 9           4.    **Financial Account Numbers.** If financial account  
10          numbers are relevant, only the last four digits of the  
11          numbers shall be used.
- 12          5.    **Home Addresses.** If an individual's home address must be  
13          included in a pleading, only the city and state shall be  
14          given.

15           A party wishing to file a document containing the  
16           personal identifiers listed above may file an  
17           unredacted document under seal. This document  
18           shall be retained by the court as part of the record.  
19           The court may, however, still require the party to  
20           file a redacted copy for the public file.

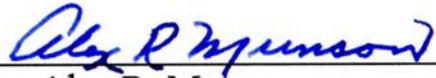
21           The responsibility for redacting these personal  
22           identifiers rests solely with counsel and the parties.  
23           The Clerk's Office will not review each pleading for  
24           compliance with this rule.

25           This local rule shall take effect immediately upon the signing of this  
26           order. Any public comment will be received until October 31, 2004, and the

1 court will consider such comments for possible amendment to the rule.

2 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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4 DATED this 21st day of September, 2004, at Saipan, Commonwealth of  
5 the Northern Mariana Islands.

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11 Alex R. Munson

12 Judge