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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. 04-00002
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AMENDMENT OF THE) ORDER CREATING
LOCAL RULES OF COURT) LOCAL RULE 41.2 - PRESENCE
DURING TRIAL DAYS
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IT IS ORDERED that the Local Rules be and hereby are amended to create Local Rule 41.2, governing the presence of certain trial participants during trials, to read as follows:

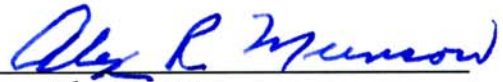
LR 41.2 - Presence During Trial Days. On every day during a trial, the attorneys, their clients, and any interpreter or translator shall be present in the courtroom or the immediate environs of the District Court at least thirty (30) minutes before the time the trial is scheduled to begin.

Given the seriousness of the current problem with tardy attorneys, clients, and translators, and the disruption it causes to the administration of

1 justice, this amendment shall take effect immediately upon the signing of this
2 order. Any public comment will be received until October 15, 2004, and the
3 court will consider such comments for possible amendment to the rule.
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5 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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7 DATED this 14th day of September, 2004, at Saipan, Commonwealth of
8 the Northern Mariana Islands.
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14 Alex R. Munson

15 Judge
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