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IN THE ~~FEDERAL DISTRICT~~ DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

For The Northern Mariana Islands
By [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

IN RE)
LEGIBILITY OF DOCUMENTS)

GENERAL ORDER NO. 6

It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Court to examine each document tendered for filing, and if any document, or any attachment to it, is illegible, to refuse to file the same. A document shall be deemed illegible unless it and all of the words in it can be read with ease. Any doubts shall be resolved in favor of a refusal to file. Each document filed shall be initialed by the clerk or deputy accepting the same for filing and stamped with a stamp indicating that it has been examined for legibility.

If a document does not meet the legibility requirement of this rule, the clerk shall mark it lodged and advise counsel that the court will not consider it in any way.

The foregoing shall apply to all documents except complaints or third-party complaints. As to them the clerk shall make the same examination, but shall file the complaint or third-party complaint. If the complaint or third-party complaint does not meet the test of legibility, the clerk shall not issue summons until legible documents have been submitted.