

April 23, 2008

Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

I have the honor to submit to the Congress the amendment to Rule C of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions that had been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States pursuant to Section 2072 of Title 28, United States Code.

Accompanying this rule are excerpts from the report of the Judicial Conference of the United States containing the Committee Note submitted to the Court for its consideration pursuant to Section 331 of Title 28, United States Code.

Sincerely,

/s/ John G. Roberts, Jr.

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Honorable Dick Cheney  
President, United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ORDERED:

1. That the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions be, and they hereby are, amended by including therein the amendment to Rule C.

[See infra., pp. — — —.]

2. That the foregoing amendment to the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions shall take effect on December 1, 2008, and shall govern in all proceedings thereafter commenced and, insofar as just and practicable, all proceedings then pending.

3. That THE CHIEF JUSTICE be, and hereby is, authorized to transmit to the Congress the foregoing amendment to the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions in accordance with the provisions of Section 2072 of Title 28, United States Code.

**SUPPLEMENTAL RULES FOR ADMIRALTY  
OR MARITIME CLAIMS AND  
ASSET FORFEITURE ACTIONS**

**Rule C. In Rem Actions: Special Provisions**

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**(6) Responsive Pleading; Interrogatories.**

**(a) Statement of Interest; Answer.** In an action  
in rem:

- (i)** a person who asserts a right of possession or  
any ownership interest in the property that  
is the subject of the action must file a  
verified statement of right or interest:

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