



LOCAL RULES OF THE

United States District Court

FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT
OF TEXAS

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New Appendix D, May 8, 2001
Amended Appendix A, June 19, 2007

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Disposition Table - 1994 Rules to 2000 Rules*

1994	2000	1994	2000	1994	2000
		<u>I.</u>	<u>7.8</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>83.1</u>	1994	2000	<u>17</u>	<u>ARE</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>			<u>A.</u>	<u>ARE.1</u>
<u>A.</u>	<u>11.1</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>CR 12</u>	<u>B.</u>	<u>AR E.2</u>
<u>B.</u>	<u>11.2</u>	<u>8.</u>	<u>16.1</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>AR E.3</u>
<u>C.</u>	<u>11.3</u>	<u>9.</u>	<u>16.2</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>AR E.4</u>
<u>1.</u>	<u>11.3.A</u>	<u>10.</u>	<u>16.3</u>	18	<u>Habeas</u>
<u>2.</u>	<u>11.3.B</u>	<u>11.</u>			<u>Corpus Rules</u>
<u>D.</u>	<u>83.2</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>44.1</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>83.8</u>
<u>E.</u>	<u>83.3</u>		<u>CrLR55.2</u>		<u>CrLR57.2</u>
<u>F.</u>	<u>83.4</u>	<u>B.</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>20.</u>	<u>16.4</u>
<u>G.</u>	<u>83.5</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>79.2</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>16.4.B</u>
3.	<u>5</u>	<u>12.</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>B.</u>	<u>16.4.C</u>
<u>A.</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>CrLR24.1</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>16.4.D</u>
<u>B.</u>	<u>4</u>	13.		<u>D.</u>	<u>16.4.A</u>
<u>C.</u>	<u>5.1</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>CrLR23.1</u>	<u>E.</u>	<u>16.4.E</u>
	<u>CrLR49.1</u>	<u>B.</u>	<u>83.6</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>16.4.F</u>
<u>D.</u>	<u>5.2</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>83.6.A</u>	<u>G.</u>	<u>16.4.G</u>
	<u>CrLR49.2</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>83.6.B</u>	<u>H.</u>	<u>16.4.H</u>
<u>E.</u>	<u>10.1</u>		<u>CrLR24.2</u>	<u>I.</u>	<u>16.4.I</u>
<u>F.</u>	<u>5.3</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>CrLR6</u>	<u>J.</u>	<u>16.4.J</u>
<u>G.</u>	<u>5.4</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>83.7</u>	<u>K.</u>	<u>16.4.K</u>
<u>H.</u>	<u>10.2</u>		<u>CrLR23.2</u>	<u>K.3</u>	<u>16.4.L</u>
<u>I.</u>	<u>38.1</u>	14	<u>72.1.2</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>16.4.M</u>
<u>J. Admiralty Rule(AR) A.</u>			<u>CrLR57.1</u>		
<u>K.</u>	<u>81</u>	15	<u>65</u>		
<u>L.</u>	<u>79.1</u>		<u>CrLR46</u>		
	<u>CrLR55.1</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>65.1</u>		
M.	<u>11.4</u>		<u>CrLR46.1</u>		
4.	<u>54</u>	<u>B.</u>	<u>65.2</u>		
<u>A.</u>	<u>54.1</u>		<u>CrLR46.1</u>		
<u>B.</u>	<u>54.2</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>CrLR46.2</u>		
5.	<u>26</u>	16	<u>CrLR32</u>		
<u>A.</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>CrR32.1</u>		
<u>B.</u>	<u>26.1</u>	<u>B.</u>	<u>CrLR32.2</u>		
<u>C.</u>	<u>26.2</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>CrLR32.3</u>		
<u>D.</u>	<u>33.1</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>CrLR32.4</u>		
<u>E.</u>	<u>30.1</u>	<u>E.</u>	<u>CrLR32.5</u>		
6.	<u>7</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>CrLR32.6</u>		
<u>A.</u>	<u>7.1</u>	<u>G.</u>	<u>CrLR32.7</u>		
<u>B.</u>	<u>7.2</u>	<u>H.</u>	<u>CrLR32.8</u>		
<u>C.</u>	<u>5.6</u>	<u>I.</u>	<u>CrLR32.9</u>		
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<u>F.</u>	<u>7.5</u>				
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<u>2.</u>	<u>7.5.B</u>				
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