
AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

The following amendment to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure was prescribed by the Supreme Court of the United States on April 23, 2008, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2072, and was reported to Congress by THE CHIEF JUSTICE on the same date. For the letter of transmittal, see *post*, p. 1150. The Judicial Conference report referred to in that letter is not reproduced herein.

Note that under 28 U.S.C. §2074, such amendments shall take effect no earlier than December 1 of the year in which they are transmitted to Congress unless otherwise provided by law.

For earlier publication of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and amendments thereto, see 308 U.S. 645, 308 U.S. 642, 329 U.S. 839, 335 U.S. 919, 341 U.S. 959, 368 U.S. 1009, 374 U.S. 861, 383 U.S. 1029, 389 U.S. 1121, 398 U.S. 977, 401 U.S. 1017, 419 U.S. 1133, 446 U.S. 995, 456 U.S. 1013, 461 U.S. 1095, 471 U.S. 1153, 480 U.S. 953, 485 U.S. 1043, 500 U.S. 963, 507 U.S. 1089, 514 U.S. 1151, 517 U.S. 1279, 520 U.S. 1305, 523 U.S. 1221, 526 U.S. 1183, 529 U.S. 1155, 532 U.S. 1085, 535 U.S. 1147, 538 U.S. 1083, 544 U.S. 1173, 547 U.S. 1233, and 550 U.S. 1003.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

APRIL 23, 2008

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress Assembled:*

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 has 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,

(Signed) JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR.
Chief Justice of the United States

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 23, 2008

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*, p. 1153.]

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.

AMENDMENT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES
FOR ADMIRALTY OR MARITIME CLAIMS
AND ASSET FORFEITURE ACTIONS

Rule C. In rem actions: special provisions.

(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: