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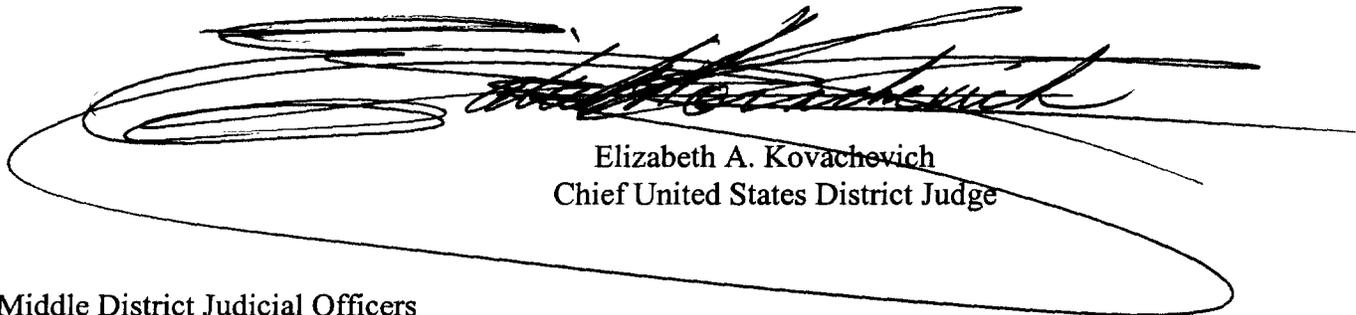
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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Case No. 6:02-mc-72-Orl

**IN RE: CHAPTER EIGHT OF THE LOCAL RULES OF THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071 and Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, it is ORDERED that court annexed arbitration as outlined in Chapter Eight of the Local Rules for the Middle District of Florida is no longer a mandatory procedure. Beginning on the date of this Order, arbitration may be ordered by the presiding judge or requested by the parties; however, cases will no longer be automatically referred to arbitration by the Clerk's Office. Any reference in Chapter Eight of the Local Rules to the mandatory nature of arbitration is hereby abrogated.

Tampa, Florida, this 3/2 day of July, 2002.



Elizabeth A. Kovachevich
Chief United States District Judge

c: All Middle District Judicial Officers
Sheryl L. Loesch, District Court Clerk