

United States District Court  
Central District of California  
Amended Rules for Admiralty and Maritime Claims  
and Asset Forfeiture Actions effective June 1, 2012

**RULE E (RE-E) - ACTIONS IN REM AND QUASI IN REM: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

***E.4. (83-RE.3.) REVIEW BY JUDICIAL OFFICER.***

(a) Authorization to Issue Process.

Before the Clerk will issue a summons and process of arrest, attachment or garnishment to any party, including intervenors, under Supplemental Rules B and C, the pleadings, the affidavit required by Rule B, and accompanying supporting documents must be reviewed by a judicial officer. If the judicial officer finds the conditions set forth in Rules B or C appear to exist, as appropriate, the judicial officer shall authorize the Clerk to issue process. Supplemental process or alias process may thereafter be issued by the Clerk upon application without further order of the Court.

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(c) Personal Appearance.

Unless otherwise required by the judicial officer, the review by the judicial officer will not require the presence of the applicant or the applicant's attorney but shall be based upon the pleadings and other documents submitted on behalf of that party.

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