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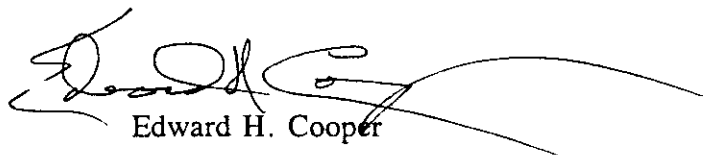
Re: Admiralty Rule B

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Thank you for your letter of 22 May recommending clarification of Admiralty Rule B. I will lodge your letter with the Secretary of the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, Peter McCabe, to establish a formal record of the recommendation.

I am confident that you know already the important role the Maritime Law Association plays in the process of attempting to improve the Admiralty Rules. A number of possible revisions are currently being considered, including further adjustments of the relationship between admiralty practice and civil forfeiture practice. I look forward to the continuing support that has been provided by the rules committee. Without this help, changes would take still longer to implement and could achieve equal success only with the best of good fortune.

Sincerely yours,



Edward H. Cooper

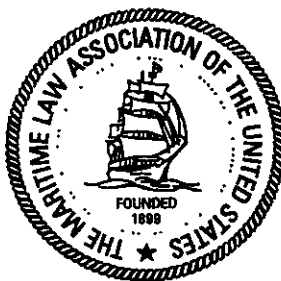
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Re: Rule B, Supplemental Rules for Certain
Admiralty and Maritime Claims

Dear Professor Cooper:

At the Annual Spring Meeting, The Maritime Law Association of the United States, held on Friday, May 5, 2001, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Members of the Association

RESOLVED that The Maritime Law Association of the United States supports an amendment to Rule B to clarify and define the time for determination of when the defendant is "not found within the district" to be at the time of the filing of the complaint and affidavit required by Rule B(1); and

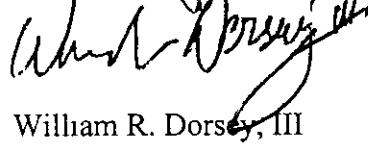
FURTHER RESOLVED that The Maritime Law Association of the United States encourages the Advisory Committee to include a comment cautioning practitioners about the necessity of filing the complaint and affidavit together in order to obtain Rule B process.

On behalf of The Maritime Law Association, I ask that you report this resolution to the Advisory Committee in connection with its review of suggested changes to Rule B of the

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Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Dorsey, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "W".

William R. Dorsey, III

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cc: Robert J. Zapf, Esq.
James W. Bartlett, III, Esq.
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Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Thank you for your suggestion to clarify Admiralty Rule B. A copy of your letter was sent to the chair and reporter of the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules for their consideration.

We welcome your suggestion and appreciate your interest in the rulemaking process.

Sincerely,



Peter G. McCabe
Secretary

cc: Honorable David F. Levi
Mark O. Kasanin, Esquire
Professor Edward H. Cooper