

RULE A

AUTHORITY AND SCOPE

(1) Authority

The Local Admiralty Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico are promulgated by a majority of the district judges as authorized by and subject to the limitations of Fed. R. Civ. P. 83.

(2) Scope

The Local Admiralty Rules apply only to civil actions that are governed by Supplemental Rule A of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims. All other local rules are applicable in these cases, but to the extent that another local rule is inconsistent with the applicable Local Admiralty Rules, the Local Admiralty Rules shall govern.

(3) Officers of the Court

As used in the Local Admiralty Rules, “judicial officer” means a United States District Judge or United States Magistrate Judge; “clerk” or “clerk of court” means the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, the Chief Deputy Clerk and deputy clerks; “marshal” means the United States Marshal, including deputy marshals.