

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
DIVISION OF SAINT CROIX

IN RE:

CASES TRANSFERRED TO THE OTHER  
DIVISION

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**ORDER REGARDING CASES TRANSFERRED  
TO THE OTHER DIVISION**

IT APPEARS that over the past several years a large number of cases that clearly belong in the division of St. Thomas/St. John have been filed in the St. Croix division. Defendants who seek to transfer such cases have incurred costs attendant to filing motions and the court must in each such instance expend time in preparing orders with regard thereto. Further, each such transfer now requires that the Clerk close the original case and re-open (and re-docket) a case in the transferee division.

Accordingly, it is hereby;

**ORDERED** that, henceforth, all cases must be filed in the proper division unless there exists a genuine articulable controversy in favor of the division chosen for filing. If a subsequent motion to transfer is granted and the court then concludes that there was no such genuine controversy regarding the filing division, costs will be awarded to the transferring party as a sanction.

ENTER:

/s/

Date: August 6, 2001

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JEFFREY L. RESNICK  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

ATTEST:  
Wilfredo F. Morales  
Clerk of Court

By: Theresa Thomas  
Deputy Clerk

cc: All St. Croix attorneys  
All St. Thomas attorneys  
Chief Judge Raymond L. Finch  
District Judge Thomas K. Moore  
Magistrate Judge Barnard