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IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

SUPREME COURT NO. 2009-ADM-0001-RUL

**ORDER REQUIRING CITATION TO THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

¶ 1 WHEREAS, reference to rules and regulations of Commonwealth agencies is often required in legal memorandum submitted to the court and in court proceedings;

¶ 2 WHEREAS, the Law Revision Commission, pursuant to its authority under 1 CMC ' 3803(c) and 1 CMC ' 9103, compiled and published a comprehensive, codified version of all agency rules and regulations in the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC), which is readily available for review and for purchase in hard copy form or in a searchable database on CD-ROM; and

¶ 3 WHEREAS, the Law Revision Commission publishes regular supplements to the NMIAC and maintains an update table on its website (www.cnmilaw.org), which contains both amendments to existing agency rules and regulations and new rules and regulations as published and adopted in the monthly Commonwealth Register; and

¶ 4 WHEREAS, the practice of referencing rules and regulations in legal memorandum and court proceedings without citing the NMIAC has continued despite the publication of the NMIAC by the Law Revision Commission;

¶ 5 NOW THEREFORE, in order to ensure consistency, accuracy, and fairness in court proceedings, it is hereby ORDERED that all citations and references to any Commonwealth rule and regulation in any filing in any Commonwealth court must include the proper Northern Mariana

Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) citation.

DATED this 17th day of March 2009.

/s/

MIGUEL S. DEMAPAN
Chief Justice

/s/

ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
Associate Justice

/s/

JOHN A. MANGLONA
Associate Justice