

Rule 1.12

LAND CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS

(b) **Master File.** Where the United States files separate condemnation actions and a single ~~d~~Declaration of ~~t~~Taking relating to those separate actions, the Clerk will establish a Master File ~~in which the declaration of taking will be filed, and the filing of the declaration of taking therein shall constitute a filing of the same in each of the actions to which it relates.~~ containing the initial complaint and the Declaration of Taking. The Master File shall be assigned to a Judge in accordance with Rule 1.2(e), and all other cases that are subject to the Declaration of Taking shall be assigned to that Judge without resorting to further assignment by automated random selection.

(c) **Incorporation by Reference.** ~~The file in the civil action containing the first complaint filed under a single declaration of taking for multiple tracts shall be designated as the Master File for all actions based upon the declaration of taking. The single declaration of taking shall be filed in the Master File only. A separate complaint shall be filed for the action designated as the Master File. In all other actions for condemnation of property which is the subject of the declaration of taking, and appropriate reference to the Master File case number in a standard form of complaint shall be deemed to incorporate in the cause the declaration of taking by reference, and shall be a sufficient filing of the declaration of taking to which it refers.~~ In cases where a single Declaration of Taking covers multiple tracts, the United States shall file a "Notice of Related Condemnation Actions" in the Master File that will list all of the related condemnation actions. The Declaration of Taking will be deemed incorporated by reference into all of the cases listed in the notice of related condemnation actions.

~~(f) **Assignment of Judge.** The case containing the declaration of taking and designated as the Master File shall be assigned to a District Judge in accordance with Rule 1.2(e), and all other cases which are subject to the declaration of taking will be assigned to that District Judge without resorting to further assignment by automated random selection.~~

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