

## Civil Justice Task Force Bows

U.S. SOLICITOR GENERAL Kenneth W. Starr will head up a new government task force to conduct a wide-ranging study of civil justice reform.

Word of the task force's creation and Mr. Starr's selection as chairman were announced Jan. 11 by Bob Long, an aide to the solicitor general, at a meeting in Phoenix of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association. The announcement was made there so Mr. Starr could solicit their views on the topic. The idea for the group originated from discussions between Vice President Dan Quayle and Attorney General Dick Thornburgh.

Theodore R. Tetzlaff of Chicago's Jenner & Block, chairman-elect of the Litigation Section, is to contact Mr. Starr with ideas from section members. "I'm confident that our section will get back to him with our input," he said.

Reminded that the idea of such a task force is not startlingly original, Mr. Tetzlaff said, "We can't say we're done." So, he added, "For that reason, it is good."

Mr. Starr, who serves as government representative on the section, was unavailable for comment. The task force's first meeting is set for the end of the month.

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