

**CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM ACT OF 1990
TIMELINE OF SIGNIFICANT DATES**

**Draft Report
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<u>Nov. 1, 1990</u>	<u>Nov. 1990</u>	<u>Jan. 1, 1991</u>	<u>Feb. 1, 1991</u>
* -Enactment of legislation	-Subcommittee on case mgmt. meeting.	-Begin 4 year demonstration program	-Deadline for appointment of advisory comm. in each district
		-Begin 4 year pilot program	
<u>June 30, 1991</u>	<u>Dec 31, 1991</u>	<u>May 1992</u>	<u>Nov 1, 1993</u>
-Start early implementation period	-End of early implementation period	-Report from Conference to Congress on early implementation courts	-Deadline for implementation of plans in all courts
-Model plan developed by Judicial Conf. expected to be needed	-Deadline for implementation of plans in pilot courts		-Desirable cutoff date for commencement of manual on litigation management
	-Model plan revision period to start		
<u>Nov 1, 1994</u>	<u>Dec 31, 1995</u>	<u>Oct, 31, 1997</u>	
-Deadline for report from Conference to Congress on Advisory Comm. plans.	-Deadline for report from Conference to Congress on demonstration program.	-The requirements of Sec. 471-478 expire	
	-Deadline for report from Conference to Congress on pilot program.		

* Estimated enactment date.
Time line will be amended upon signature by the President.

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Tasks to be Completed by the Judicial Conference, Administrative Office and the Federal Judicial Center.

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- 1) Notification of district courts of the passage of the Biden Bill with outline of requirements and deadlines.
- 2) Dissemination of guidelines for the appointment of District Court Advisory Groups including specific guidelines for the hiring of a committee reporter.
- 3) Select 10 courts for participation in the pilot program.
(Sec 105 (b))
- 4) Develop one or more model civil justice expense and delay reduction plans with a report explaining the manner in which the plan complies with section 473. (Sec 477 (a))
- 5) The Judicial Conference shall review each plan submitted by the District Court Advisory Committees and may request courts to take additional action. (Sec. 474 (b))
- 6) Disseminate an overview of models and methodologies available for the assessment of the cost of litigation to the District Court Advisory Committees.
- 7) The Director of the Administrative Office must prepare a semiannual report that discloses for each judicial officer:
(Sec. 476)
 - 1) the number of motions that have been pending for more than six months and the name of each case in which such motion has been pending.
 - 2) the number of bench trials that have been submitted for more than six months and the name of each case submitted.
 - 3) the number and names of cases that have not been terminated within three years of filing.
- 8) Within four years after enactment, the Judicial Conference shall prepare a comprehensive report on all plans received pursuant to 472(d) and transmit copies of the report to district courts and Congress. (Sec. 479)
- 9) The Judicial Conference shall study ways to improve litigation management and dispute resolution services in the district courts and make recommendations to the district courts

on ways to improve such services. (continuing responsibility:
Sec. 479 (b))

10) The Judicial Conference shall prepare, periodically revise, and transmit to district courts a Manual for Litigation Management and Cost and Delay Reduction with the Federal Judicial Center. (Sec. 479 (c))

11) The Director of the Federal Judicial Center and the Director of the Administrative Office shall develop and conduct comprehensive education and training programs to ensure that judicial officers and judiciary personnel are familiar with the most recent available information about litigation management. (Sec. 480)

12) The Director of the Administrative Office shall ensure that each district court has the automated capability to retrieve information about the status of each case in that court. The Director shall prescribe the information to be recorded in district court automation systems and the standards for uniform categorization of judicial actions for the purpose of recording information on judicial actions in the district court automated systems. (Sec. 481)

13) Within eighteen months after enactment, the Judicial Conference shall prepare a report on the plans developed and implemented by the Early Implementation District Courts and transmit the report to the district courts and Congress. (Sec. 482 (c))

14) During the four-year period beginning on January 1, 1991, the Judicial Conference shall conduct a demonstration program in accordance with subsection (b). (Sec. 104)

15) The Judicial Conference in consultation with the Federal Judicial Center and the Administrative Office, shall study the experience of the district courts under the demonstration program and report no later than December 31, 1995 to the Congress on the results of the demonstration program. (Sec. 104(c))

16) During the four-year period beginning on January 1, 1991, the Judicial Conference shall conduct a pilot program in accordance with subsection (b). The Judicial Conference must designate ten courts to participate in the pilot program. (Sec. 105 (b))

17) The Judicial Conference shall submit to the Congress a report on the results of the pilot program that includes an assessment of the extent to which costs and delays were reduced as a result of the program, a comparison of results with ten comparable judicial districts where these provisions were discretionary and a recommendation as to whether some or all district courts should be required to include the provisions of the bill in their plans. (Sec. 105 (c))

Other court activity without specific deadlines and not included on timeline:

- 1) The Chief Judge's Committee in each circuit shall review each plan and make suggestions as appropriate.

Significant Issues to be Resolved:

1. The Administrative Office is responsible for providing reports which include specific case management statistics. What new data collection procedures must be developed to meet this provision?
2. Section 106 authorizes \$ 25 million to be appropriated in FY 1991 in order to carry out the provisions of the bill. What are the implications if funds cannot be appropriate in FY 1991?