

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. Duane R. Lee  
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Dear Duane:

I submit a report of the New Jersey Advisory Committee  
summarizing its work to date.

Sincerely,



H. Lee Sarokin

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Enclosure

TO: Judge Sarokin  
FROM: Judge Debevoise  
DATE: May 7, 1991  
RE: Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction  
Advisory Committee

In response to your request, the work to date of the New Jersey District Court's Advisory Committee can be summarized as follows:

Chief Judge Gerry appointed a 17 person committee which includes lawyer and non-lawyer representatives of a wide range of groups who are the primary users of our court. Two judges and a magistrate were appointed to serve in an advisory capacity. The Court Clerk provides administrative backup. Before the Advisory Committee's first meeting was held on March 28, 1991 there were distributed to the members various documents providing background information - the implementing statute, detailed data concerning the civil and criminal caseload in New Jersey, together with proposals for speeding the disposition of civil cases, the proposal prepared by the Federal Judicial Center, and the Administrative Office's "Guidance to the Advisory Groups, Etc."

The Advisory Committee's organizational meeting was held on March 28. October 1 was designated as the target date for completion of its report and recommendations. General views and suggestions were received from each member. Four subcommittees were appointed to deal with the following subjects: (i) limitations on discovery, (ii) governmental litigation, (iii) alternative dispute resolution and (iv) classifying categories of cases for special treatment.

The subcommittees each met and prepared proposals. A meeting of the full committee was held on April 23, at which time the reports of the subcommittees were discussed and further action proposed. The subcommittees were asked to prepare definitive proposals for review, revision and incorporation in the final report.

The next meeting of the entire Advisory Committee is scheduled for June 11.

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