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FOR
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NOTICE

The Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania has scheduled a public hearing for May 5, 1994 at 10:00 A.M. This hearing shall take place in the Ceremonial Courtroom of the U.S. Courthouse, 601 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA.

The purpose of the hearing is to gather information for the Advisory Group's Annual Report. The Advisory Group is obligated by statute to determine the condition of the criminal and civil dockets, identify trends in case filings and in the demands being placed on the court's resources, identify the principle causes of cost and delay, giving consideration to such potential causes as court procedures and the ways in which litigants and their attorneys approach and conduct litigation, and examine the extent to which costs and delays could be reduced. Among the specific principles that Congress has directed the Advisory Group to consider are the differential treatment of cases according to their needs, complexity and duration; judicial involvement in case management and control over the extent and timing of discovery; voluntary exchange of discovery at the commencement of an action; and alternative dispute resolution.

The Civil Justice Reform Act is the most significant piece of legislation that Congress has enacted in the last three decades directed to reducing cost and delay in civil litigation in the federal courts. The legislation provides for pilot programs in ten districts; districts where the Act will be implemented early in order to develop Expense and Delay Reduction Plans that can serve as models for the entire federal judicial system. The Eastern District is a pilot district under the Act.

Members of the Advisory Group are Alice W. Ballard, Michael Stiles, Michael Churchill, James C. Corcoran, Andre L. Dennis, Eve Biskind Klothen, Seymour Kurland, S Gerald Litvin, Edward W. Mullinix, Arthur G. Raynes, Richard M.

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Members of the bench, bar and public representing all the counties which make up the Eastern District of Pennsylvania have been invited to attend this hearing. Members of the bar and public are invited to attend and comment on all pertinent matters.

The Advisory Group also invites all interested citizens and organizations to participate in the development of an appropriate report by submitting written comments and recommendations on any aspect of the Advisory Group's mission. Those who have filed a written submission and desire to elaborate may do so at the hearing. Written submissions should be sent to Robert M. Landis, Chair, 4000 Bell Atlantic Tower, 1717 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2793, to be received no later than May 4, 1994.

Copies of the Plan, adopted by the court effective December 31, 1991, are available by writing to Michael E. Kunz, Clerk of Court, U.S. Courthouse, 601 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, or by faxing a request to Mr. Kunz at (215) 597-6390.

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