

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
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Ralph L. Mecham
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Dear Ralph L. Mecham:

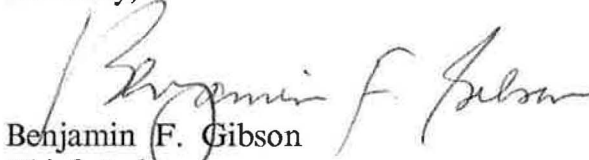
In accordance with the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990, the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan hereby submits the Report of the Civil Justice Advisory Group and the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan prepared pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, section 472(b).

The United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan has been designated as a Demonstration District under section 104(b) of the Act. Pursuant to the mandate of the statute, the Western District of Michigan must experiment with a system of differentiated case management which provides specifically for the assignment of cases to appropriate processing tracks that operate under distinct and explicit rules, procedures, and time-frames for the completion of discovery and for trial.

By adopting the enclosed plan and implementing it on December 18, 1991, this court qualifies as an Early Implementation District Court under section 103(c) of the Act. Under Title 28, United States Code, section 472(b) and section 474, the plan and report contained herein are transmitted for your review.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Benjamin F. Gibson
Chief Judge