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TO:

Recipients of the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan

of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

FROM:

C. Duke Hynek, Clerk Couche Tough

DATE:

December 21, 1993

RE:

Second and Third Amendments to the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction

Plan, Effective November 16, 1993 and December 17, 1993, Respectively

On December 18, 1991, this court adopted and implemented a Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 471 et seq. Further to assure the uniformity and efficiency of the plan, and to delineate and modify specific court procedures under the differentiated case management (DCM) system, the court on November 16, 1993 and December 17, 1993, respectively, adopted and implemented the attached second and third amendments to the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan. Please add these supplements to your Report and Plan.

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No. 93-115

SECOND AMENDMENT TO CIVIL JUSTICE EXPENSE AND DELAY REDUCTION PLAN

On December 18, 1991, this court adopted a Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 471, et seq. On August 28, 1992, the court entered an order amending the plan. The order, among other things, adopted presumptive discovery limitations for cases assigned to the voluntary expedited, expedited, standard, and complex tracks. Discovery limitations for cases assigned to the highly complex track were left to the discretion of the court. The order, however, did not provide for any presumptive discovery limitations to cases assigned to the administrative track.

The court's experience to date under the plan leads the court to conclude that presumptive discovery limitations should be imposed upon civil rights actions assigned to the administrative track. The Civil Justice Advisory Group has approved the concept of presumptive discovery limits applicable to such civil actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan adopted by this district be and it hereby is amended to add the following provision to the description of the administrative track.

Civil rights actions assigned to the administrative track shall be subject to the following discovery limitations. (1) No party may serve more than fifteen interrogatories, including discrete subparts. (2) party may serve requests for the production of documents seeking more than five categories of documents. These presumptive discovery limitations may be modified upon motion of a party for good cause shown. If the court determines that a trial is necessary, the case may be assigned to another track, and the parties may seek further discovery.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except as herein amended, this court's Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan, as embodied in the orders dated December 18, 1991, and August 28, 1992, shall remain unchanged.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall distribute copies of this amendment as required by law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this amendment shall take immediate effect.

Dated this 6 day of November, 1993.

Chief Judge

Richard A. Enslen

United States District Judge

Robert Holmes Bell

United States District Judge

David W. McKeague

United States District Judge

Gordon J. Quist

United States District Judge



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IN THE MATTER OF THIRD AMENDMENT TO CIVIL JUSTICE EXPENSE AND DELAY REDUCTION PLAN

Administrative Order No. 93-124

On December 18, 1991, this court adopted a Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 471, et seq. On August 28, 1992, the court entered an order amending the plan. The order, among other things, required a case management scheduling conference held pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to be held no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the last defendant's first responsive pleading, except in Non-DCM cases.

The court's experience to date under the plan leads the court to conclude that the case management scheduling conference should be held no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the last defendant's first responsive pleading, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The Civil Justice Advisory Group has approved the concept of amending the timing of the case management scheduling conference for all applicable civil actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan adopted by this district be and it hereby is amended to add the following provision:

Except in Non-DCM cases, a case management scheduling conference held pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure shall be held no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the last defendant's first responsive pleading, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The conference may be conducted by telephone or in person, according to judicial preference.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except as herein amended, this court's Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan, as embodied in the orders dated December 18, 1991, August 28, 1992, and November 16, 1993, shall remain unchanged.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall distribute copies of this amendment as required by law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this amendment shall take immediate effect.

Dated this 17 day of December, 1993.

Benjamin F. Gibson

Chief Judge

Richard M. Enslen

United States District Judge

Robert Holmes Bell

United States District Judge

David W. McKeague

United States District Judge

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Gordon J. Quist

United States District Judge