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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
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BENJAMIN F. GIBSON
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August 10, 1992

Dear Attorney:

To address the problems of high litigation costs and delay that burden both plaintiffs and defendants, Congress enacted the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990. The Act requires each of the nation's 94 federal district courts to implement a civil justice expense and delay reduction plan. The purpose of each plan is to improve litigation management and ensure just, speedy, and inexpensive resolutions of civil disputes.

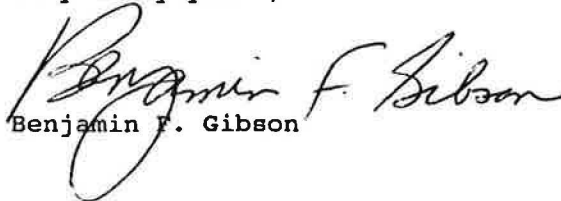
The United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan has been designated as one of two demonstration districts in the nation. The statute mandates that we experiment with a system of differentiated case management (DCM) which provides specifically for the assignment of all civil cases to appropriate processing tracks.

The DCM plan adopted by this Court is scheduled to become operational on September 1, 1992. Beginning on that date, all civil litigation filed in this District will be assigned to one of six case management tracks or randomly assigned to a non-DCM track. New local court rules will be enacted by administrative order to help facilitate implementation of the new system. In particular, all parties to a civil action must file a Track Information Statement (TIS) with their initial pleading. Copies of the TIS can be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

Because there is additional information about DCM with which federal practitioners must become familiar, the Federal Bar Association has agreed to host a seminar on Monday, September 21, 1992, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503. Judge Richard A. Enslin, Magistrate Judge Joseph G. Scoville, Dr. Ralph C. Chandler, Ms. Maureen Solomon, and I will be speaking on the history of the Court's DCM plan and the practical aspects of the plan with which you will need to become familiar in order to conduct civil litigation in this District. Copies of relevant materials will be made available at the seminar.

I invite and encourage you to attend this seminar. Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the address shown on the form no later than September 14, 1992, if you plan to attend.

Very truly yours,


Benjamin F. Gibson

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Enclosure

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FBA'S DIFFERENTIATED CASE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

September 21, 1992.....Grand Rapids
1:00 p.m.at L.V. Eberhard Center

NAME _____

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_____ \$15 - Member of FBA, Western Michigan Chapter

_____ \$20 - Non-Member

Please reserve _____ seats for the seminar. Enclosed is a check for \$_____. **Please make all checks payable to the Federal Bar Association.** This check reserves space for the following:

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