

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of Ohio
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44114

THOMAS D. LAMBROS
Chief Judge

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Mr. Abel Mattos
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Dear Mr. Mattos:

After consideration of the recommendations of the Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group, pursuant to 28 USC §472, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio on December 13, 1991, approved the report and recommendations of the Advisory Group along with a Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan, for immediate implementation.

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio was designated a Demonstration District under §104 (b) of the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990. Pursuant to this designation, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, "...shall experiment with systems of differentiated case management that provide 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."

In November, 1990, the Northern District of Ohio was also selected to participate as one of ten districts authorized to establish a Voluntary Arbitration Program. In accordance with that authorization, and the recommendation of the Advisory Group, a menu of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) techniques was approved by the Court and incorporated into the Court's Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan.

The Court and its Advisory Group have worked diligently this past year to adopt a Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan prior to December 31, 1991 to qualify as an Early Implementation

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District, pursuant to 28 USC §482(c). The Court has codified its adoption of this Plan by incorporating it into the new Local Rules for the Northern District of Ohio as Sections 7 and 8.

Pursuant to 28 USA §472(d), I am hereby transmitting a copy of the Plan and Advisory Group Report for your review.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas D. Lambros".

Thomas D. Lambros
Chief Judge