

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT AND BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO**

**FISCAL YEAR 1991
CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM ACT BUDGET**

EARLY DESIGNATION DISTRICT

The District of Idaho Advisory Committee has voted to become an early Designation District. We have convened two meetings and one meeting is scheduled each month until the end of the calendar year. The funds requested in this budget call are required to meet the early Designation classification. In addition, you should be aware that while the Civil Justice Reform Act does not specifically apply to the Bankruptcy Court, we will also examine those procedures which impact negatively upon cost and delay in the Bankruptcy Court.

The following costs are required for the period April 10, 1991 to September 31, 1991.

TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION/SUBSISTENCE

Judges, Magistrate Judges and staff. Judge Lodge and Magistrate Judge Williams are members of the Advisory Committee. Their attendance will be required at 2 Advisory Committee meetings in the Divisional Offices in Moscow and Pocatello. 90% of the meetings will be in the headquarters office in Boise, but the Committee decided to hold regional meetings for the purpose of attracting public comment on the source of cost and delay. The cost estimates include 2 meetings times, 2 judges, times \$73.00 subsistence, plus air fare @ \$300.00 for each Judge, or approximate costs of \$900.00.

There are 13 non judicial members on the Advisory Committee who attend monthly meetings. There will be six meetings prior (4 in Boise and 2 in Divisional Offices) to the end of the fiscal year and 2 members must fly to Boise for these meetings. The out of town Advisory Committee members will expend the following: 2 members, times 4 meetings times \$73.00 plus air fare @ \$300.00 times 4 meetings, times 2 members, or a total of \$2984.

13 members of the Advisory Committee will be required to travel to the Divisional Office for the reasons noted above. These costs are estimated at: 13 members travel times 2 trips, times \$73.00, plus air fare @ \$300 times 13 members, times two trips, or a total of \$9698.

The reporter for our Advisory Committee is the ex-Clerk of Court. He will be required to attend all the meetings. The trips to the Divisional Office will cost 2 meetings times \$73.00 subsistence plus \$300.00 air fare times 2 trips, or \$450.00.

The Clerk is a member of the Advisory committee and one member of the staff is required to assist the reporter with minutes and other meeting requirements. The total travel costs are estimated at 2 people times 2 trips times \$73.00 subsistence plus \$300.00 air fare times 2 trips times two people, or a total of approximately \$1492.00.

A new public member of the committee will be appointed during the May, 1991 meeting. These costs will include 2 trips to the divisional office times \$73.00 subsistence plus \$300.00 air fare times 2 trips, or a total of \$746.00.

REPORTERS COMPENSATION

The reporter for our Advisory Committee is the ex-clerk. He is currently not employed as a Federal Employee. During this interim period of time, the reporter will be compensated at \$40.00 per hour times 30 hours, or \$1200.00.

CONSULTANTS COMPENSATION

A questionnaire will be sent to all members of the District and Bankruptcy Court bar to determine the sources of cost and delay in our Court. The Advisory Committee has requested the use of a Sociologist from Boise State University to analyze the data obtained from the District-wide survey. We anticipate that this will require 25 hours at \$40 per hour or \$1000.00.

Also, it is anticipated that a consultant will be required to focus on alternative dispute resolution techniques which could be used in the District. This would include research and technical assistance on mediation, arbitration, adjunct settlement judges, differentiated case management, multi-door court house, and other forms of ADR. A total cost of \$1000.00 would be required for this expert.

SECRETARIAL SUPPORT

A small District can not fully absorb the costs of implementing the Civil Justice reform act. Therefore, a temporary employee is requested for 100 hours times \$8.00 per hour for typing and copy work. A total of \$800.00 is required.

MANAGEMENT ANALYST

Our District will be an early implementation District and will be examining both the District and Bankruptcy Court. The preparation of the report will require outside expertise for research, evaluation and technical assistance. We would request a graduate student from the Judicial Administration Masters Program from the University of Denver for this project. This position would be required for 4 months at a salary of \$2143 per month (\$12.36 per hour) or \$8300.

In addition, this student will take a sample of our 50 oldest closed cases and analyze the sources of cost and delay. This position will also make a comparison of state court practices with federal court practices for the purposes of examining the local legal culture.

GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES

The copy paper and supplies required for this project are estimated at \$500.00.

FORMS, PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER PRINTING

The questionnaire which will be sent to all members of the bar (2200 members) will require printing at an outside copy services at an estimated cost of \$440.00. Additionally, the final report will be printed at an estimated cost of \$750.00. A total of \$1190.00 is requested.

POSTAGE

An estimated \$538.00 will be expended on the questionnaire alone. An additional \$500 will be required for mailings to members of the Advisory Committee.

TELEPHONE

A total of \$300.00 in telephone expenses are estimated for FY 1991.

EQUIPMENT

A hand held recording/dictating machine will be required for use in preparation of the minutes and the final report. The cost is estimated at \$300.00.

**FISCAL YEAR 1991 SPECIAL BUDGET CALL FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM ACT**

U.S. DISTRICT AND BANKRUPTCY COURTS FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

ESTIMATED SALARIES AND EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED FY 1991 OBLIGATIONS
Travel/Transportation/Subsistence	
Judges, Magistrate Judges and staff	<u> \$900.00</u>
Advisory Members	<u> \$12682.00</u>
Reporter	<u> \$746.00</u>
Clerk and Clerks' staff	<u> \$1492.00</u>
Other	<u> \$746.00</u>
Reporter's Compensation	Hours <u> 30 </u> Dollars <u> \$1000</u>
Consultants' Compensation	Hours <u> 50 </u> Dollars <u> \$2000</u>
Secretarial Support (Temporary)	Hours <u> 100 </u> Dollars <u> \$800</u>
Management Analyst (Temporary)	Hours <u> 664 </u> Dollars <u> \$8300</u>
General Office supplies	<u> \$500.00</u>
Forms, Publications & Other Printing	<u> \$1190.00</u>
Postage	<u> \$1038.00</u>
Telephone	<u> \$300.00</u>
Equipment	<u> \$300.00</u>