

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
GUS J. SOLOMON UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
620 S.W. MAIN
PORTLAND, OREGON 97205-3090**

CHAMBERS OF
JAMES A. REDDEN, CHIEF JUDGE

December 30, 1991

L. Ralph Mecham, Director
Administrative Office
United States Courts
Washington, D.C. 20544

Subject: Civil Justice and Expense and Delay Reduction Plan

Dear Mr. Mecham:

In accordance with the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990, our court has reviewed the recommendations of the enclosed Report of the Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Committee; the principles and guidelines of litigation management and cost and delay reduction techniques referenced in 28 U.S.C. § 473(a) and (b); and after consultation with the Advisory Group; the United States District Court for the District of Oregon hereby adopts the enclosed Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan.

In transmitting this plan, it is a particular pleasure to note the Advisory Group's finding that "Oregon's civil and criminal dockets are in remarkably current condition. . ."¹, and that:

The inter-action and ongoing communications that has historically existed between the court, the lawyers, and the litigants in this district has made the advisory group's task simpler. In point of fact, many of the findings and recommendations set forth in this Report are the results of discussions, comments, committee meetings, and suggestions implemented before the passage of the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990.

*It is our hope that the findings and recommendations set forth in the Report will assist the Court in codifying the required Civil Justice Delay Reduction Plan. In that regard, we believe that such a plan will largely be a formalized statement of existing practices and procedures. . ."*²

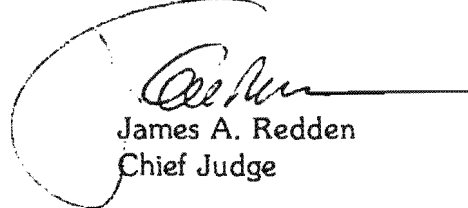
¹ Report of the Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group (December 30, 1990), p. 6.

² Id., at p. 23.

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In accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Group and the statutory mandate of the Civil Justice Reform Act, the contents of the plan reflect the current litigation and case management practices within the District of Oregon, and although no modifications to the current plan are contemplated, the press of the court's ever growing civil and criminal dockets may necessitate changes in the future. In the event such changes are necessary, the plan will be modified and appropriate notice will be served as may be required by the statute.

Sincerely,



James A. Redden
Chief Judge

cc: Honorable J. Clifford Wallace, Chief Judge
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