UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO ALBUQUERQUE. NEW MEXICO 87103

JUAN G. BURCIAGA

CHIEF JUDGE

March 5, 1991

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Mr. Duane R. Lee, Chief Court Administration Division Administrative Office of the United States Courts Washington, DC 20544

Dear Mr. Lee:

Enclosed herewith is an Administrative Order appointing the Advisory Group for the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico pursuant to the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990, filed February 28, 1991.

As a matter of information, all of the members fit the requirements set forth in the Criminal Justice Reform Act. Mr. Kastler, Ms. Hollander, Mr. Wertheim, Mr. Hall, Mr. Snead, Mr. Cooney, and Mr. Branch are distinguished and highly respected members of the plaintiff and defense trial bar. Mr. Montova is a law clerk in our Clerk's Office whose primary responsibility is prisoner petitions, which constitute 16% of our civil caseload. Mr. Davis and Ms. Kennedy are primarily involved in civil rights litigation for plaintiffs and defendants, respectively. Mr. Jesse Casaus, the Reporter, was our previous District Court Clerk with many years of experience who will again bring his considerable talents to our court. Mr. Kleinhenz, the other non-lawyer, has a distinguished career which includes service as a Dean of the University of Albuquerque, as a manager of a major local law firm, and as previous Chief Administrator in our city

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government. He presently is employed in our county government. All have responded eagerly and will make a substantial contribution to assessing the problems to be addressed.

It is our hope and goal to become an Early Implementation Court with its plan in place by December 31, 1991.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

cc: Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management [w/enc.]

cc: Hon. Wm. J. Holloway Chief Judge, Tenth Circuit

cc: Tenth Circuit Chief District Judges