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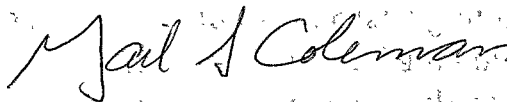
Peter G. McCabe
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RE: Proposed FRAP 32.1

Dear Mr. McCabe:

I am writing in opposition to proposed FRAP 32.1. As a practicing attorney and former federal appellate law clerk, I believe that federal courts should not be required to permit the citation of "unpublished" memorandum dispositions. Unpublished dispositions are generally summary in nature and are not drafted with the same careful attention to every word that is paid in the case of published opinions. If federal courts were required to write all opinions with an eye to their precedential value, their workload would increase exponentially – surely an unfortunate result when some litigants already wait a year or more for their cases to be decided.

Sincerely,



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