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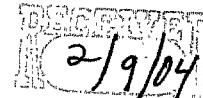
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Peter G. McCabe, Secretary
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RE: Proposed FRAP 32.1

Dear Mr. McCabe:

I am admitted to practice before the federal courts in the southern District of Iowa and before the Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

I wish to express concern over the proposed Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 32.1. I believe that the proposal will add a disadvantageous complexity to the appellate process for both the judges and litigants that will not be conducive to judicial economy, appellate economies for litigants, or enhanced decision-making. On balance, I find little to commend it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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