

December 13, 2005

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Peter G. McCabe, Secretary
Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure
of the Judicial Conference of the United States
Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building
Washington, DC 20544

Re: Comments on Proposed Style Amendments to Federal Rules of Civil
Procedure

Dear Mr. McCabe:

I am writing as the current Chair of the State Bar of Michigan, Committee on the United States Courts ("U.S. Courts Committee"), to convey the Committee's comments on the proposed style amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The U.S. Courts Committee is a standing committee of the State Bar of Michigan composed of practitioners and judges from both the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan. The charge of the U.S. Courts Committee is "to concern itself with the administration, organization and operation of the United States Courts for the purpose of securing the effective administration of justice." In furtherance of this purpose, the U.S. Courts Committee has commented periodically on proposed amendments to federal rules, focusing especially on the effect of proposed amendments from the practitioner's viewpoint. The comments submitted herein were approved at the Committee's November 16, 2005 meeting, and represent only the views of the Committee and not those of the State Bar of Michigan or its Board of Commissioners or representative assembly.

With that introduction, the Committee supports the proposed amendments. The amendments will enhance the readability, internal consistency and organization of the Federal Rules. The Committee conveys its sincere appreciation to the drafting consultants and review committees for their valuable work. The Committee extends its appreciation in particular to Professor Joseph Kimble, one of the project's drafting consultants, for attending the Committee's November meeting and explaining the methodology and rationales used in compiling the amendments.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Puerner
Chair, Committee on the United States Courts
State Bar of Michigan