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Re: Uniform District Court Rules Commission

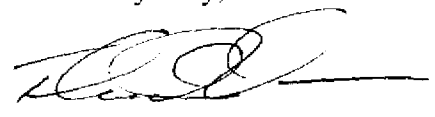
Dear Justices:

As most of you are well aware I am an attorney licensed in the State of Montana since 1976 and having spent my entire legal career practicing in this state primarily as a civil trial attorney.

I have become concerned with what I view as undue delay in certain cases and support proposed changes to attempt to lessen that delay, in fact, I signed a Petition to start this ball rolling a couple of years ago. I have reviewed the proposed rules propounded by the Uniform District Court Rules Commission and believe that they should be adopted in full. I understand that certain of the district courts may object to their passage because of lack of legislative funding for the courts and staff. While I am certainly sympathetic to that plight, if we wait until all of the district judges feel that they have adequate funding and adequate staffing, these rules will never be implemented.

For the above reasons, I would respectfully urge that the rules be adopted in their entirety. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Thomas Q. Johnson

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cc: Monte Beck