

COMMITTEE ON COURT ADMINISTRATION AND CASE MANAGEMENT

JUDICIAL CONFERENCE of the UNITED STATES

Honorable Robert M. Parker
Chairman

February 6, 1992

Honorable William D. Browning
Chief Judge, United States
District Court
Room 301, U.S. Courthouse
55 East Broadway
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Dear Judge Browning:

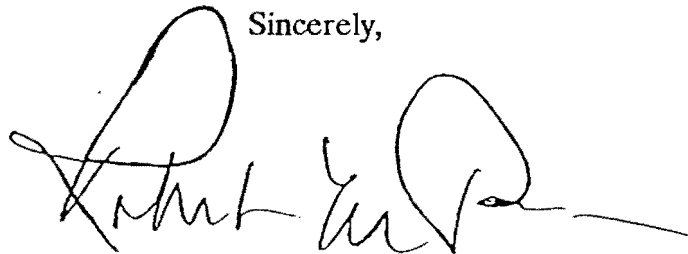
As you are no doubt aware, the Judicial Conference must report to Congress on the results of the pilot program required by § 105 of the Civil Justice Reform Act (CJRA). One component of this report is a comparison of the impact of CJRA on costs and delay in the ten pilot courts with the impact of CJRA in ten comparable districts. The basis for comparison is a study to be performed by the RAND Corporation.

Upon the recommendation of RAND and with review by the Court Administration Division of the Administrative Office and the Committee on Court Administration and Case Management (the "Committee"), your court has been chosen as a comparison district. The RAND study design is in the process of finalization. The project as presently planned, will involve a study of cases in your court and surveys of judicial officers, attorneys, and litigants. Your court will be provided staffing credit for the additional tasks you will be required to undertake. Part of RAND's study involves a site visit to each pilot court and comparison district during which you will receive more detailed information on the study. The Court Programs Branch of the Court Administration Division of the Administrative Office will coordinate the scheduling of the visits to allow for the least disruption of routines as possible. Also, a representative of the Administrative Office will accompany the RAND staff to ensure things run smoothly. Your cooperation in taking part in the study is essential.

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You will be providing an important service to the judiciary. The Committee will be providing you with more details on the study once the design is finalized. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert M. Parker