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MEMORANDUM TO L. RALPH MECHAM

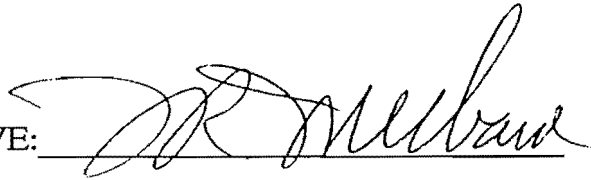
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Judge Parker has asked that we convene a group of select experts in the area of ADR and multi-door courthouse for the purpose of a roundtable discussion similar to the one conducted by the Subcommittee on Court Governance in the early stages of its review of court structure and governance. Judge Parker has indicated his desire to include Frank Sander, a noted professor at Harvard and Eric Green who has served as a special master on asbestos litigation in Massachusetts. In addition, the judge has asked that we identify one or two local people with special expertise and interest in this area. As a result, I do not anticipate an expense greater than \$3,500. This expense will be submitted under the same appropriation used for costs incurred by Judicial Conference committee meetings.

The purpose of this memorandum is to request your approval for the reimbursement of expenses to 3 or 4 individuals outside the federal judiciary selected by the Committee for participation in this project. General Counsel has in the past, indicated that you have the authority to approve such reimbursement.

  
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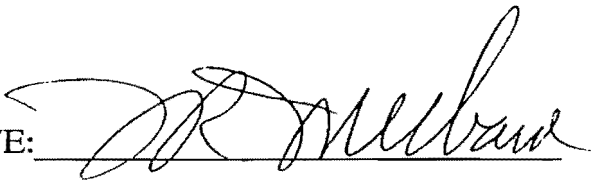
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