MEMORANDUM TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Proposed Amendments to the Federal Rules of Practice and Procedure

By direction of the Judicial Conference of the United States, pursuant to the authority conferred by 28 U.S.C. § 331, I have the honor to transmit herewith for consideration of the Court the proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, and Civil Procedure, and the Federal Rules of Evidence, which were approved by the Judicial Conference at its September 2002 session. The Judicial Conference recommends that these changes be approved by the Court and transmitted to the Congress pursuant to law.

For your assistance in considering these proposed amendments, I am attaching a memorandum from Judge Anthony J. Scirica briefly summarizing the proposed amendments and a report on amendments that raised significant interest. I am also transmitting excerpts from the Report of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure to the Judicial Conference and the reports of the various rules advisory committees.

Leonidas Ralph Mecham Secretary

Attachments

cc: Honorable Anthony J. Scirica Professor Daniel R. Coquillette