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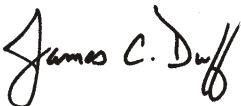
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JAMES C. DUFF
Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

To: All United States Judges
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Clerks, United States Courts
Chief Probation Officers
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From: James C. Duff 

RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PRACTICE, PROCEDURE, AND EVIDENCE
(IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

Congress has taken no action on the amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, Civil, and Criminal Procedure, and the Federal Rules of Evidence, approved by the United States Supreme Court on April 12, 2006. Accordingly, the following amendments to the rules will take effect on December 1, 2006:

- Appellate Rule 25 and new Appellate Rule 32.1;
- Bankruptcy Rules 1009, 5005, and 7004;
- Civil Rules 5, 9, 14, 16, 24, 26, 33, 34, 37, 45, 50, and 65.1; Civil Form 35; and Supplemental Rules A, C, and E; and new Civil Rule 5.1 and new Supplemental Rule G;
- Criminal Rules 5, 6, 32.1, 40, 41, and 58; and
- Evidence Rules 404, 408, 606, and 609.

The amendments were mailed to you in May 2006 as part of House Documents 109-104, 109-105, 109-106, 109-107, and 109-108. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2074(a) and the April 12, 2006, orders of the United States Supreme Court, the pertinent amendments will govern all proceedings commenced on or after December 1, 2006, and “insofar as just and practicable” all proceedings then pending. (Please note that new Appellate Rule 32.1(a) applies only to unpublished opinions issued on or after January 1, 2007.) The text of the amended rules can be found at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/>. In addition, pamphlets containing the rules, as amended, will be sent to you as soon as they become available from the Government Printing Office.

If you have any questions concerning the status of these amendments, please call Peter G. McCabe, Assistant Director, Office of Judges Programs, at (202) 502-1800 or John K. Rabiej, Chief, Rules Committee Support Office, at (202) 502-1820.