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To: Committee on Rules  
From: Advisory Committee on Civil Rules  
Subject: September 1971 Report

The Advisory Committee on Civil Rules met in Washington, D.C., on September 21st, 1971.

1. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, the Judicial Conference has approved in principle a reduction in the size of juries in civil trials in the District Courts of the United States and an accompanying diminution in the number of peremptory challenges to be allowed; and

Whereas, the Conference has referred to the Committee on the Operation of the Jury System and this Committee the means of effectuating those objectives, i.e., whether by procedural rule or statute;

Therefore Be It Resolved that in the opinion of the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules the better method of effectuating the proposals would be by statute, and that the Judicial Conference be so informed.

2. The Committee instructed the reporter to begin studies in the following areas:


a. The Operation of Rule 23 (Class Actions) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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b. The Operation of Rule 16 (Pre-Trial Procedure) of  
the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

c. Methods of Accelerating Judgments.

Submitted by direction of the Committee.

  
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Reporter