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Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts Washington DC, 20544

05-CV-017

Re: Proposes Style Revision of

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

Dear Members of the Committee:

As a lawyer reentering private practice after many years in the federal government, I very much appreciate the effort to improve the style of the Civil Rules. The proposed rule revisions are a great improvement in communication, especially for lawyers like me who refer to the Civil Rules only occasionally. They're easier to read, digest, and remember.

I spent a career writing regulations for a large federal agency and hadn't read the Civil Rules in many years. But I do remember that it was a challenge to get through them. The proposed style revisions make the ride much smoother and the road map much clearer.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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