



# JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20544

THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
*Presiding*

LEONIDAS RALPH MECHAM  
*Secretary*

October 27, 2004

## 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, Civil, and Criminal Procedure, and the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, which were approved by the Judicial Conference at its September 2004 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 David F. Levi 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 advisory rules committees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph", written in a cursive style.

Leonidas Ralph Mecham  
Secretary

### Attachments

cc: Honorable David F. Levi  
Professor Daniel R. Coquillette