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I approve the new rule setting aside the prohibition of citation of unpublished opinions. Courts have a duty to decide like cases on a consistent basis. The device of unpublished opinions allows appellate courts to reach result-oriented decisions in particular cases without thinking through the implications of their opinions or results. In a bad case, it can, in effect if not in intent, result in private rulings for influential parties where the unpublished opinion fashions an eccentric rule or application, while the usual rule remains on the public books to govern ordinary people.

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