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I oppose making unpublished appellate decisions citeable. Significant delays will result. Many cases are quickly decided, with little judge time, since the judge knows how it is written will only affect the litigants in that case. If the precedential effect of every disposition must be carefully considered, and it should be if it is to serve as precedent, we will either need far more judges or we will have terrible delays. The only alternative for the court would be to announce the result, with no explanation, which will not increase confidence in our courts. Many will suspect the court did not understand the issues, if courts are forced to revert to "no explanation" decisions.

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