UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

BENSON EVERETT LEGG Chief Judge

08-CV-053

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Peter G. McCabe, Secretary Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure Administrative Office of the United States Courts Washington, DC 20544

Re: Proposed Amendment to Fed. R. Civ. P. 56

Dear Mr. McCabe:

By letter of October 15, 2008, Chief Judge John W. Sedwick wrote to you urging that Proposed Rule 56(c) be rejected. The judges of the District of Maryland discussed the proposed rule at a recent bench meeting. We are in complete agreement with Judge Sedwick. Our bench unanimously urges the Committee not to adopt Rule 56(c). It is a bad idea.

Thank you for considering our views.

Very truly yours,

Benson Everent Legg