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MEMORANDUM

To: All United States Judges
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Clerks, United States Courts
Chief Probation Officers
Chief Pretrial Services Officers
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Chief Proargument/Conference Attorneys
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From: Judge Thomas F. Hogan

RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE
(IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

Congress has taken no action on the amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy and Criminal Procedure approved by the Supreme Court on April 23, 2012, and transmitted to Congress on April 24, 2012. Under the Rules Enabling Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2071-75, the following amendments take effect on December 1, 2012:

- Bankruptcy Rules 1007, 2015, 3001, 7054 and 7056; and
- Criminal Rules 5 and 15, and new Rule 37.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 2074(a) and the Supreme Court orders dated April 23, 2012, the amendments will govern all proceedings commenced on or after December 1, 2012, and all proceedings then pending "insofar as just and practicable."

The text of the amended rules and extensive supporting documentation can be found on the Judiciary's Federal Rules of Practice & Procedure website at: <http://www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies/rules.aspx>. The amendments and excerpts from the report of the Judicial

Amendments to the Federal Rules of Practice and Procedure

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Conference containing the Committee Notes were made electronically available to you on June 11, 2012, as part of House Documents 112-103 and 112-104. Pamphlets containing the rules as amended will be sent to you as soon as they become available from the Office of the Law Revision Counsel and the Government Printing Office.

If you have any questions about the status of any of the amendments, please contact Jonathan C. Rose, Secretary, Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, or Benjamin J. Robinson, Deputy Rules Officer and Counsel, Rules Committee Support Office, at 202-502-1820.