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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 93-16

APPOINTMENT OF MEDIATION COMMITTEE

Effective this date, the following individuals are appointed to the membership of the Mediation Committee of the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida:

Barry Davidson, Esquire, Chair D. Culver "Skip" Smith, Esquire Carol Soret Cope, Esquire Kevin Malone, Esquire Deborah C. Poore, Esquire Judith Ripps, Esquire Larry Stewart, Esquire

The Mediation Committee shall by Wednesday, March 10, 1993, deliver a report and recommended action plan to the court for implementation of a mediation program in the Southern District. We would like the Mediation Committee to consider the following issues:

- (a) The proposed local rule for court annexed mediation;
- (b) Goals of a mediation program;
- (c) Projected budget for cost of a mediation program;
- (d) Cost, if any, to the user of a mediation program;
- (e) Criteria for identifying cases appropriate for referral to mediation;
- (f) Juncture in the respective case when referral to mediation is appropriate;
- (g) Rules governing the mediation;
- (h) Whether the program should be voluntary or mandatory;
- (i) Whether the program should carry incentives for participation;
- (j) Who should administrate the program;
- (k) Where the sessions should be held;
- (1) Who should serve as mediators;
- (m) Who should determine the eligibility of mediators;
- (n) Who should select the mediators;
- (o) Education of the bar and the public about the program;
- (p) Training of mediators;
- (q) Who should collect data for assessment of the program's efficiency;
- (r) Whether mediation should be used in prisoner civil rights cases; and

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(s) Recommendations for any other types of alternative dispute resolution programs or procedures for the court's consideration.

DONE and ORDERED in chambers at the United States Federal Building and Courthouse, 299 East Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of February, 1993.

Norman C. Roettger Chief Judge

cc: All Southern District Judges and Magistrate Judges Keenan G. Casady, District Executive T.G. Cheleotis, Clerk of Court All Committee Members