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Mr. Peter G. McCabe, Secretary  
Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure  
Administrative Office of the United States Court  
Washington, D. C. 20544

Re: Electronic Discovery

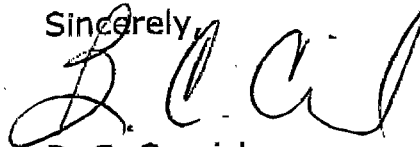
Dear Mr. McCabe:

I write to oppose the proposed rules relating to electronic discovery. The proposed rules will obviously work to the detriment of individuals and will favor corporations. I offer the following simply by example: I handled a terrible accident case a few years ago. Two people were killed and two others were horribly injured. The driver of the 18-wheeler that caused the wreck lied under oath. Several members of the corporate owner of the truck also lied. The truth was buried in the computer system on the truck. The company destroyed one of the computer files but it did not realize that another file existed. It was there that the truth was hidden. Because we were able to get those electronic records, the case was resolved without the need for trial and the expense of competing experts opining as to the "truth".

I implore you to not allow corporations to hide documents and, in my view, the proposed rules will do exactly that.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,



B. C. Cornish

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