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Mr. Peter G. McCabe
Secretary
Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts
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Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. McCabe,

I write in opposition of FRAP 32.1. As a former clerk, I can say that if this rule had been in place when I was clerking, many published opinions would be of far lesser quality. Additionally, the workload would have increased exponentially. As it was, I worked every Saturday of my entire clerkship. I do not see how it can attract clerks (or judges) if the memorandum dispositions are allowed.

Thank you for considering these views.

Very truly yours,

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