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Peter G. McCabe, Secretary
Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure
Administrative Office of the United States Courts
One Columbus Circle, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20544

Re: Opposition to the proposed change to F.R. App. P. Rule 32.1

Dear Mr. McCabe:

Presently, attorneys that work for the government and large law firms constantly fill their briefs with numerous citations that have little or no relevance to the issues involved in an appeal. To further allow attorneys to also cite to memorandum opinions is going to compound the problems for attorneys who must respond to such briefs and for the appellate judges who must decide the cases.

It is bad enough for attorneys and appellate judges to spend hours reading briefs which cite cases which are not on point. Adding memorandum opinions (which are usually very brief and not illuminating) to the burden of appellate judges and those attorneys who do try to do an honest job will result in those judges and honest attorneys having to waste even more time in reading cases that are really not pertinent or helpful.

I therefore oppose the proposed change to F.R. App. P. Rule 32.1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Reichmann".