



08-CV-120

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
District of Alaska
222 West Seventh Avenue, Unit 32
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John W Sedwick
Chief Judge

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

Re Proposed Amendment to Fed R. Civ P. 56

Dear Mr. McCabe.

This letter is to advise the Committee that the district judges of the District of Alaska have unanimously voted to oppose adoption of proposed new rule 56(c). We feel strongly that there is no need for the change. At a time when the judiciary's interests are neglected or even under attack in other branches of government, it is particularly discouraging to see a committee of the Judicial Conference pursuing a concept that will make a significant aspect of our work more burdensome.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Sedwick".

John W Sedwick, Chief Judge
United States District Court - Alaska

cc Honorable Ralph R. Berstline
Honorable Timothy M. Burgess
Honorable H. Russel Holland
Honorable James K. Singleton, Jr.