

REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

To the Chief Justice of the United States, Chairman, and
Members of the Judicial Conference of the United States:

The standing Committee on the Rules of Practice and Procedure has not met since the last session of the Judicial Conference in September 1973 inasmuch as no reports of the advisory committees were ready for standing committee consideration. This report is informational only and is involved solely with the status of the several advisory committees.

Bankruptcy Rules

The proposed rules and official forms for Chapter XI of the Bankruptcy Act relating to Arrangements, approved by the Conference at the September 1973 session, have been transmitted to the Supreme Court. The Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules has approved for prompt distribution to the standing Committee the proposed rules and official forms under Chapter X (Corporate Reorganization). The proposed

rules and forms under Chapter XII (Real Property Arrangements) have been distributed to the bench and bar for comment with May 1 set as the deadline. The Advisory Committee, at its February 1974 meeting, completed for distribution to the bench and bar for comment Chapter IX (Composition of Indebtedness of Local Taxing Agencies) and continued its consideration of the draft of Chapter VIII, Section 77 (Railroad Reorganization).

Criminal Rules

The Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules will meet on March 14 and 15 to consider the comments on proposed amendments to Criminal Rules 6, 11, 23, 24, 35, 41 and 43, new Criminal Rule 40.1, rules covering habeas corpus proceedings, rules covering Section 2255 proceedings and an amendment to Appellate Rule 4. It is expected that the advisory committee will make a report to the standing committee at its next meeting. The advisory committee also will have for consideration at its March meeting a report of a subcommittee studying matters relating to grand jury proceedings.

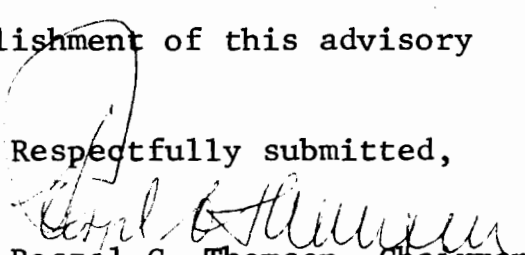
Civil Rules

The Advisory Committee on Civil Rules met on March 3 and 4 and discussed matters relating to Rule 23 (class actions) and other proposed amendments to the civil rules.

Appellate Rules

Since the last session of the Conference, Senior Judge William H. Hastie has been named chairman of the newly constituted Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules and twelve members have been appointed to serve with him. Professor Jo Desha Lucas of the University of Chicago School of Law has been named reporter for this committee. Prior to its first meeting the advisory committee is studying the local rules of the several circuits as well as other materials that have been held awaiting the establishment of this advisory committee.

Respectfully submitted,


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