

PUBLIC NOTICE
REGARDING
ADOPTION: Effective Immediately (January 2, 2001)
OF AMENDMENT TO
LOCAL RULE 16.1(A)

In recognition of the range of duties which may be assigned to United States Magistrate Judges, the Judges of the United States District Court have determined to amend Local Rule 16.1(A) effective January 2, 2001, to permit United States Magistrate Judges to conduct initial scheduling conferences. The court has determined pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § § 2071(e) that there is an immediate need for this amendment. Those wishing to comment on this amendment to the Local Rule may do so in writing. All comments must be received on or before February 28, 2001 and should be addressed to:

Hon. Douglas P. Woodlock
Chairman, Rules Committee
c/o Helen M. Costello, Projects Manager
United States District Court
United States Courthouse - Suite 2300
1 Courthouse Way
Boston, MA 02210

/s/ _____
Tony Anastas
Clerk of Court

Date: January 10, 2001

RULE 16.1 EARLY ASSESSMENT OF CASES

(A) Scheduling Conference in Civil Cases. In every civil action, except in categories of actions exempted by LR 16.2 as inappropriate for scheduling procedures, the judge or, in the interests of the efficient administration of justice, a designated magistrate judge shall convene a scheduling conference as soon as practicable, but in any event within ninety (90) days after the appearance of a defendant and within one hundred twenty (120) days after the complaint has been served on a defendant. In cases removed to this court from a state court or transferred from any other federal court, the judge or designated magistrate judge shall convene a scheduling conference within sixty (60) days after removal or transfer.