UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BAR FOR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

*** REQUIRED ATTORNEY ADMISSIONS RE-REGISTRATION***

As part of our preparation for the implementation of electronic case filing scheduled for 2003, the Court is in the process of updating its computerized attorney database. In order to update its roll of admitted attorneys, the Court has directed that public notice be given of the requirement that all admitted members of the Bar of this Court complete and submit the re-registration form to the Clerk of Court within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice. A \$25.00 re-registration fee is required for all attorneys admitted prior to January 1, 2001.¹ Notices will be mailed to admitted attorneys in our database by the end of April 2003. After that date the forms will be available on our website at <u>www.mad.uscourts.gov</u> for any admitted attorney who has not received the forms.

The court intends to implement its new Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system for court staff in mid April 2003. Electronic case filing for attorneys will be added in the Fall of 2003 with training for attorneys and their staff prior to September. Attorneys are not required to register for CM/ECF at this time. If they choose to do so now, however, they may obtain electronic notice of orders and decisions generated by the court after April 14 and be provided with access to file documents electronically when that feature becomes available for attorneys.

All members of the Federal Bar who submit the re-registration form and their fee will thereafter be included on the roll of active attorneys admitted to practice in the District of Massachusetts. Counsel who have not submitted this form and who seek to practice before this Court will be required either to (1) file proof of previous admission to this Court and their good standing with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, along with the \$25.00 fee, or (2) reapply for general admission in accordance with Rule 83.5.1 of the Local Rules of the District of Massachusetts.

An attorney who fails to file the required registration form and pay the renewal fee will be removed from the list of members in good standing and will remain as inactive status.

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¹ In addition to attorneys admitted to this Court after January 1, 2001, the fee is waived for attorneys representing the United States or any agency of the United States and current employees of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.