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Dear Madam or Sir,

Thanks for the surprisingly strong interest expressed in the newsrelease “The Revised Rules Will Not Stop Judges From Systematically Dismissing Complaints Against Them”<sup>1</sup> and the article “Judges Have No Grant of Immunity From The Constitution”<sup>2</sup>.

I respectfully submit some suggestions on what you can do to object to those Rules, which will allow federal judges to continue doing what the official statistics show they did in the 10-year period 1997-2006: Out of the 7,462 complaints filed against judges’ misconduct, such as abuse of power, bias, conflict of interests, prejudice, corruption, etc., the judges disciplined only 9 of their peers, thus dismissing 99.88% of all complaints! Thereby the judges self-exempted from any discipline and enabled themselves to engage in misconduct, even criminal activity, with impunity. Links to the Rules, the statistics, and my detailed comments thereon are found at [http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial\\_complaints/DrCordero\\_revised\\_rules.pdf](http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial_complaints/DrCordero_revised_rules.pdf).

To participate in the herein suggested collaborative effort to request that the Rules not be adopted and that judicial misconduct complaints be taken seriously or even handled by an independent board unrelated to the judges, you can forward to your colleagues this letter or its link, i.e., [http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial\\_complaints/how\\_petition\\_redress.pdf](http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial_complaints/how_petition_redress.pdf).

## A. JUDGES FEAR CONGRESSIONAL SUPERVISION

1. There is no magic wand effective against the judges’ entrenched power. Nor is there a substitute for perseverance in the effort to dislodge them from that position by building up the cumulative effect of publicly exposing and criticizing their wrongdoing in every venue and by every available means of communication while always proceeding in a professional, responsible, and fair way.
2. The bills to establish the Office of Inspector General of the Judicial Branch, H.R. 5219 and S. 2678, represent an incipient effort in Congress to supervise the federal judiciary. Those bills and Congressional statements thereon are found with links to the originals at [http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial\\_complaints/DrCordero\\_revised\\_rules.pdf](http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial_complaints/DrCordero_revised_rules.pdf).
3. The reaction of the judges to such bills shows that they dread any Congressional effort to supervise them and curb their freedom to do as they please (i.d., Section I). In turn, pressure on Congress and its individual members can cause them to adopt judicial discipline reform legislation.

## B. THE REVISED RULES & THREE VENUES FOR CRITICIZING THEM

4. You can help those people who will not give up despite having pursued for years their effort to expose abusive judges. I am one of them. You too can join in this effort by disseminating the newsrelease<sup>1</sup> criticizing the judges’ Revised Rules or the more detailed comments thereon (id.).

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<sup>1</sup> [http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial\\_complaints/newsrelease\\_revised\\_rules.pdf](http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial_complaints/newsrelease_revised_rules.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/docs/no\\_judicial\\_immunity.pdf](http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/docs/no_judicial_immunity.pdf)

5. You can also write your own comments on those Rules. In so doing, you may want to know that they were posted last December 21 by the Committee on Judicial Conduct and Disability, which indicated that "The deadline for submitting the Rules for adoption by the United States Judicial Conference is mid-January". (<http://www.uscourts.gov/library/judicialmisconduct/commentonrules.html>)

### **1. The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts**

6. Therefore, the best anyone can do who still wants to comment on the Revised Rules is to try to send his or her comments to the Secretariat of the Judicial Conference at the Administrative Office and request that the Secretary to the Conference, who is also the Director of the Administrative Office, submit them to the Conference. Whether the Secretary will do so is up to him. His name and address are the following:

Judicial Conference of the U.S.  
Att.: Mr. James C. Duff  
Conference Secretary & AO Director  
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts  
One Columbus Circle NE  
Washington, DC 20544; tel. (202) 502-2400

### **2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court**

7. In the alternative or additionally, you can submit your comments to the presiding officer of the Judicial Conference, that is, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, addressing them thus:

Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr.  
Presiding Officer  
Judicial Conference of the U.S.  
Supreme Court of the U.S.  
One First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20543  
Public Information Office: 202-479-3211; Clerk's Office: 202-479-3011

8. Similarly, whether the Chief Justice, as presiding officer of the Conference, will take cognizance of the comments is up to him.

### **3. The other members of the Judicial Conference of the U.S.**

9. You can also send your comments on the Revised Rules to each of the other members of the Conference. All the chief circuit judges belong to it as does one district judge per circuit. Their names as of January 2008 can be found at <http://www.uscourts.gov/judconf/members/2008.html>. (The membership is partly renewed every October 1.) I have provided contact information about them at [http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial\\_complaints/Jud\\_Confer\\_contact\\_info.pdf](http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial_complaints/Jud_Confer_contact_info.pdf).

## **C. HELPING TO DISSEMINATE THE CRITICISM OF THE REVISED RULES**

### **1. To the judges**

10. You can write your own criticism of those Rules and/or you can help me disseminate mine. To do the latter, whether my newsrelease ([http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial\\_complaints/](http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial_complaints/)

[newsrelease\\_revised\\_rules.pdf](#)) or the full comments ([http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial\\_complaints/DrCordero\\_revised\\_rules.pdf](http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial_complaints/DrCordero_revised_rules.pdf)), you can print either, without modification and in its entirety, and send it with a cover letter of yours to the three venues listed above.

## **2. To the Senators**

11. You can email and fax my one-page newsrelease to each member of Congress by using the Table of Contact Information About the Members of the Senate that I prepared and have made available through [http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial\\_complaints/Senate\\_contact\\_info.pdf](http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial_complaints/Senate_contact_info.pdf).
12. The above-referenced files show but a fraction of the considerable amount of work that I have done. If you and, through your recruiting, like-minded judicial discipline reform advocates help me disseminate my criticism of the Revised Rules and thus counter the effort of the drafting Committee to keep them from public scrutiny, we all would improve our chances of getting the attention of other judges and legislators who can take action against the adoption of the Rules or in favor of their modification or their replacement through effective judicial discipline legislation.

## **3. To the members of the House of Representatives**

13. You can throw up your arms in despair or you can lend a helping hand. If the latter, you and others can help in preparing a similar Table of Contact Information About the Members of the House of Representatives. To that end, you can use the template that I prepared as a Word document that is fully editable so that information can be added to it. You can find it at [http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial\\_complaints/HR\\_contact\\_info.doc](http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial_complaints/HR_contact_info.doc) (also found at ...[info.pdf](#)).
14. To mail the newsrelease or the comments, the mailing labels of the H.R. members can be retrieved in Word, WordPerfect, Excel, and ASCII through [http://clerk.house.gov/member\\_info/index.html](http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/index.html).

## **4. To news media and journalists**

15. I have also prepared a List of Media Contact Information that can be used to fax and email the newsrelease to news media and journalists in order to cause them to cover the Revised Rules and discuss how they will allow the judges to continue systematically dismissing complaints against their peers, thus holding on to the position that they have carved out for themselves as the only class of persons in our country that in practice are above the law. That List also needs to be expanded. You can ask others to help in using and expanding that List, which is found at [http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial\\_complaints/media\\_contact\\_info.doc](http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial_complaints/media_contact_info.doc) (also at ...[info.pdf](#)).

## **D. THE CHOICE: WHINING OR SWEATING**

16. Who lends support to abusive judges, he who says that exposing their wrongdoing is just too much work and goes to watch a movie on TV or he who says that he will not put up with being abused and keeps working day and night? If the colonists in Boston 235 years ago had felt that opposing British rule was just too hard and had chosen instead to go to a party to drink tea, would we today have a Constitution that ensures the right “to petition the Government for a redress of grievances”? Who is more deserving of respect and support: mere complainers or indefatigable doers? I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, *Dr. Richard Cordero, Esq.*