

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

To Be Appended to Reports with Recommendations
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Submitting Entity: Section of Litigation

Submitted By: Judith Miller, Chair

1. Summary of Recommendation(s).

That the Association adopt as policy Standards for Final Pretrial Submissions and Orders to improve the process by which final pretrial orders are entered. Their intent is to provide a schedule that moves the case forward to trial, but does not impose unnecessary burdens or require pretrial submissions too early in the parties' final pretrial preparation, and to simplify what items should be prepared as the case is in the final pretrial stage.

2. Approval by Submitting Entity.

The Council of the Section of Litigation approved these Standards at a regularly scheduled meeting in Washington, D.C. on April 16, 2008.

3. Has this or a similar recommendation been submitted to the House or Board previously?

No.

4. What existing Association policies are relevant to this recommendation and how would they be affected by its adoption?

The proposed Standards are consistent with and augment the Association's Civil Trial Practice Standards.

5. What urgency exists which requires action at this meeting of the House?

The adoption of these Standards will improve the conduct of litigation in the courts.

6. Status of Legislation. (If applicable.)

Not applicable.

7. Cost to the Association. (Both direct and indirect costs.)

None.

8. Disclosure of Interest. (If applicable.)

There are no conflicts of interest.

9. Referrals.

All Section and Divisions.

10. Contact Person. (Prior to the meeting.)

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11. Contact Person. (Who will present the report to the House.)

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