

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Eastern District of Pennsylvania

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Re: MDL 875 - Southern Illinois and Indiana Cases Brought by Cascino Firm

Dear Counsel:

I am herewith attaching a copy of my Policy on Communicating with the Mediator and Staff dated March 31, 2010.

I hasten to say that there was no incident or occasion that caused me to issue this Policy.

We frequently work without all of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due to the confidential nature of our work, we have no docket entries. Thus, there is an apparent air of informality in our professional relationship with each other that could cause problems.

This Policy is similar to one which I have used for over twenty years in cases assigned to me as the presiding judge. This Policy has been published in Bruton, The Eastern District of Pennsylvania Manual, Second, PBI Press, 2009 at page 255.

While I have revised the Policy to suit the mediation mode, I thought you should know the genesis.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lowell A. Reed, Jr.
LOWELL A. REED. JR.

bcc: Honorable Eduardo C. Robreno