>> ALL RISE.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE.

THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA IS

NOW IN SESSION.

ALL WHO HAVE CAUSE TO PLEAD,

DRAW NEAR, GIVE ATTENTION.

YOU SHALL BE HEARD.

GOD SAVE THESE UNITED STATES,

THE GREAT STATE OF FLORIDA.

AND THIS HONORABLE COURT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE

SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA.

PLEASE BE SEATED.

>> GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO

THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT.

THE FIRST CASE ON OUR DOCKET

TODAY IS IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE

FLORIDA RULES OF CIVIL

PROCEDURE RELATING TO

ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY.

>> MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT. I'M

KEVIN JOHNSON.

FROM SIZEMORE, GONZALEZ

IN TAMPA, FLORIDA. I'M

HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CIVIL

PROCEDURE RULES COMMITTEE.

WE SUBMITTED AMENDMENTS TO THE

CIVIL RULE TO DRAWS DISCOVERY

OF ELECTRONICALLY STORED

INFORMATION, COMMONLY REFERRED

TO AS ESI.

THESE E-DISCOVERY AMENDMENTS

WERE AS A RESULT OF FIVE

YEARS OF PROCESS BY

OUR COMMITTEE THAT

BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER FEDERAL

RULES WERE AMENDED IN 2006.

LED BY LAWRENCE COHEN.

WHO CHAIRED THE E-SUBCOMMITTEE

IN SEVERAL YEARS.

I TOOK OVER FOR MR. COHEN IN

2010.

OUR COMMITTEE STUDIED MANY

DIFFERENT THINGS.

WE STUDIED EFFECTS OF THE

FEDERAL RULES.

WE STUDIED THE IMPLEMENTATION

OF OTHER STATE COURT

E-DISCOVERY RULES AND JUDGES

AND E-DISCOVERY EXPERTS.

AND OTHER COMMITTEES OF BAR.

>> I WANT TO COMMEND YOU,

KNOWING THE CIVIL RULES

COMMITTEE ON E-DISCOVERRY

THAT YOU HAVE

UNANIMOUS SUPPORT, SPEAKS TO THE EXCELLENT JOB THAT HAS BEEN DONE.

I NEVER SEEN ANYTHING THAT IS ANYWAY, I JUST WANTED TO GET
THAT OUT. THE VOTES WERE ->> THAT'S CORRECT YOUR HONOR.
>> I MEAN LOOKED LIKE THERE WAS
ONE PERSON ON A COUPLE OF
THESE BUT THAT AS TO WHAT HAS
BEEN PROPOSED, THAT EVERYONE
FELT THAT IT WAS A GOOD BLEND
OF WHAT OTHER STATES AND THE
FEDERAL COURTS HAVE DONE.
>> YOUR HONOR, WE WERE
UNANIMOUS AND NEAR UNANIMOUS AT
COMMITTEE LEVEL WITH THE BOARD
OF GOVERNORS.

>> MY BIGGEST CONCERN WITH ANY DISCOVERY, HAVING DONE A LOT OF DISCOVERY AS A TRIAL LAWYER, THAT THE RULES DON'T END UP PREVENTING LEGITIMATE DISCOVERY OF DOCUMENTS.

I THINK NOW, ALTHOUGH I KNOW THERE WILL ALWAYS BE CLAIMS OF BURDENSOME, THERE WERE DOCUMENTS THAT CAN BE ELECTRONICALLY SEARCHED THAT IT IS, SHOULD MAKE DISCOVERY EASIER, NOT HARDER. NOW IS THAT, WHAT IS YOUR THOUGHT ABOUT THAT? >> IT'S LIKE ANYTHING ELSE, ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION IS A TOOL. A TOOL CAN BE USED EITHER WAY. THERE ARE WAYS WHICH IT MAKES OUR LIFE MORE COMPLICATED BECAUSE WE HAVE TO TRACK DOWN VOLATILE INFORMATION IN A BROAD RANGE OF SITUATIONS. THERE ARE ALSO WAYS IT MAKES OUR LIFE EASIER BECAUSE WE CAN GO BACK IN TIME FIND OUT WHAT IS IN A COMPUTER AT A GIVEN MOMENT IN TIME IF THAT INFORMATION IS STILL THERE.

>> THAT IS MORE THAN THE IDEA
THAT SOMEONE COULD PRODUCE -THIS IS REALLY NOT ABOUT
PRODUCING DOCUMENTS
ELECTRONICALLY?
THIS IS TO TRY TO SEE IF THERE
ARE, MAYBE, IF YOU COULD JUST

ELABORATE, ABOUT WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION WOULD BE SOUGHT, THAT IS, ESI.

>> YES.

>> ESI IS WHAT WE'RE CALLING IT.

I THINK THIS RECOGNIZES THERE HAS BEEN ABOUT A CHANGE IN WAY BUSINESSES AND THE WORLD IN GENERAL WORKS.

WE WORK VERY LITTLE WITH PAPER TODAY ALTHOUGH SEEMS A LOT END UP ON MY DESK.

MOST ENDS UP BEING

ELECTRONICALLY STORED IN A COMPUTER SOMEWHERE.

MOST BUSINESSES FUNCTION THAT WAY.

IF YOU'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED AND TRYING TO DISCOVER THE INFORMATION YOU WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH A COMPUTER.

THAT IS THE REALITY OF THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.

WE SEE IT AS A WAY TO TRY TO BALANCE THE RULES AND MEET THE SEVEN GOALS WE DESCRIBED SO THE PARTIES GET ACCESS TO INFORMATION THEY NEED AND THEY'RE NOT TEARING EACH OTHER UP WITH UNNECESSARY BATTLES OVER ACCESS TO THAT INFORMATION.

>> FOR EXAMPLE, IF SOMEBODY IS ASKING IN A PRODUCTS LIABILITY CASE FOR ALL THE COMPLAINTS THAT WERE MADE, A CORPORATION COULD DECIDE AND THEY ROUTINELY HAVE AND HAD IN THE PAST AT LEAST A LONG TIME AGO SAID IT IS BURDENSOME.

I REMEMBER ONCE BEING IN A WHOLE WAREHOUSE AND GOING THROUGH BOXES AND BOXES.
IT SEEMS THAT IS THE ABILITY OF BOTH JUDGES AND LAWYERS TO SAY, LISTEN, IT IS NOT GOING TO BE THE SAME KIND OF BURDENSOME BECAUSE IT'S ELECTRONICALLY STORED?

SO DOES IT CHANGE IT FOR THE BETTER IN THAT REGARD IF WE DON'T MAKE, IF WE RECOGNIZE THAT SOMETIMES BURDENSOME ISN'T REALLY, IS NOT BEING USED IN THE WAY WE HOPE IT WOULD BE USED?

>> IT DOES CHANGE IT FOR THE BETTER IN THE SENSE WHEREAS BEFORE YOU MIGHT HAVE HAD TO SIT DOWN WITH A TEAM OF LAWYERS TO GO THROUGH TONS OF BOXES IN A

WAREHOUSE SOMEWHERE, NOW IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION IF YOU HAVE AGREEMENT HOW TO SEARCH IT. YOU COULD HAVE A COMPUTER RUN THAT SEARCH FOR YOU AND PULL BACK RELEVANT SEARCH TERMS AND HOPEFULLY BRING BACK THE DOCUMENTS YOU NEED WITHOUT EXPENDITURE OF TIME AND MONEY. SO THAT EXTENT IT IS AN

ADVANTAGE.
WE SEE THAT AS BEING ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THIS.

WE ALSO THINK IS IMPORTANT THAT
WE GIVE THE COURTS AND

LITIGANTS PREDICTABILITY.

THAT WE WANT TO HAVE RULES THAT ARE FAMILIAR TO THEM AND IN THIS CASE THEY ARE BASED ON THE FEDERAL RULES AND THEY WILL PROVIDE PREDICTABLE AND USABLE PRECEDENTS BECAUSE OF THAT.

WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE E-DISCOVERY DOES NOT BECOME OUTCOME DETERMINATIVE.

DOESN'T UNDULY FAVOR REQUESTING

>> WHEN YOU SAY THAT GOAL, WHAT IS THE BASIC GOAL OF THE FLORIDA RULES LIKE THE FEDERAL RULES IS THAT, DISCOVERY IS A OPEN PROCESS.

PARTIES OR UNDULY FAVOR THE

RESPONDING PARTIES.

I MEAN IF SOMETHING IS NOT REALLY RELEVANT IN THE END IT IS NOT GOING TO COME INTO EVIDENCE BUT MY EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT SOMETIMES THAT'S USED, IN OTHER WORDS, IT IS BURDENSOME IF THAT DOCUMENT IS THE DOCUMENT THAT THE, THAT THE PLAINTIFF, BECAUSE IT IS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE DEFENDANT IN MANY CASES, AND MAYBE IN BUSINESS LITIGATION IT'S BOTH

SIDES SO IT'S NOT THE REQUESTING PARTY BUT IN MANY OF THE PRODUCTS CASES IT IS OBVIOUSLY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE DEFENDANT.

SO IS IT, ARE WE CHANGING WHAT WE HAVE SAID FOR MANY, MANY YEARS ABOUT WHAT DISCOVERY IS SUPPOSED TO BE?

>> THE GOAL IS NOT TO CHANGE IT AT ALL, YOUR HONOR.

WE ARE CHANGING SOME OF THE METHODS AND MEANS AND TOOLS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE LITIGANTS AND TO THE COURT TO MANAGE IT BUT WE'RE NOT TRYING TO CHANGE THE FUNDAMENTAL BALANCE WHO GETS WHAT, WHEN THEY GET IT, WHAT IS CONSIDERED BURDENSOME, WHAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE TOO COSTLY.

WE WANT TO GIVE THE COURTS THE POWER TO MANAGE THAT PROCESS AND WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE LITIGANTS TO SIT DOWN AND DEAL WITH IT EARLY.

THAT IS FRANKLY ONE OF THE AREAS WHERE WE CHANGED THE RULES FROM THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

THE RULES REQUIRE MEET AND CONFER.

UNDER OUR STATE SYSTEM THAT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA.

WE HAVE TOO MUCH VARIETY OF LITIGATION.

WHAT WE'VE DONE INSTEAD IS GIVE LITIGANTS THE ABILITY TO USE PRETRIAL CONFERENCE RULES, 1.200 AND 1.201 TO TRY TO ADDRESS THAT.

>> VERY PLEASED TO SEE JUDGE ARTIGLIERE INVOLVED IN THIS. HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED FOR MANY YEARS.

GOING TO THAT POINT, WHAT DOES THE COMMITTEE SEE IMPACT WITH TRIAL JUDGES WITH REGARD TO THESE CHANGES?
OUR LINE JUDGES SPEND AN INORDINANT AMOUNT OF TIME GOING
THROUGH THESE THAT ALMOST BECOME SILLY BATTLES.

WHAT IS THE COMMITTEE'S VIEW?

ARE WE THERE? WILL THIS HELP?
I KNOW YOU NEVER GET TO
THE UTOPIA OF ELIMINATING THEM.
ARE WE LOOKING TO HAVE MORE
ADDITIONAL RULES AT SOME POINT
IN TIME?

ARE THESE DESIGNED TO
ACCOMMODATE THAT?
WHERE DOES THE LINE JUDGE FIT
INTO THIS NEW RULE PROCESS AS
YOU SEE IT AND OR COMMITTEE
SEES IT?

>> I WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE TO THANK JUDGE ARTIGLIERE. HIS SUPPORT HAS BEEN INDISPENSABLE.

HE HAS BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR GETTING IN THE POINTS BECAUSE OF THAT.

HE WILL SPEAK LATER ABOUT SOME OF HIS CONCERNS.

I THINK FOR THE LINE JUDGES THE ANSWER IS THIS SHOULD GIVE THEM MORE TOOLS, SHOULD GIVE THEM MORE GUIDANCE HOW TO RESOLVE THESE ISSUES.

IT WILL GIVE THEM SPECIFIC RULES-BASED GUIDANCE AND GUIDANCE IN THE COMMENTS THEY CAN POINT TO CONTROL THE LITIGANTS TO TRY TO DEAL WITH SOME ABUSE OF THE DISCOVERY PRACTICE AND TRY TO HAVE ENOUGH FLEXIBILITY TO DEAL WITH ALL THE SITUATIONS THAT COME UP. ONE THING YOU KNOW YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU WILL SEE. AS A SITTING JUDGE YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO DEAL WITH THAT SITUATION. THAT'S BEEN A THEME OF OUR RULES, TRY NOT TO DRILL DOWN TO SUCH A PRECISE OUTCOME SPECIFIC RULE THAT IT IS JUST INFLEXIBLE AND BREAKS THE FIRST TIME TECHNOLOGY CHANGES ON YOU. WE WANT THEM TO BE FLEXIBILE. WE ANTICIPATE THE RULES WILL LAST FOR A LONG TIME. WE DON'T ANTICIPATE MAJOR CHANGES IN THEM. THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE'RE

DOING WITH RESPECT TO GUIDELINES ON TAXATION

OF COSTS WE'LL

HOPEFULLY BRING UP AS PART OF OUR NEXT CYCLE OR IN SOME OTHER FILING AFTER THAT IF WE CAN'T GET IT DONE.

>> SO THESE RULES, THEY DON'T EVEN ADDRESS WHAT KIND OF MEDIUM YOU WOULD GET YOUR DISCOVERY IN? IF IT IS A ELECTRONICALLY-KEPT DOCUMENT, IT DOESN'T SAY YOU GIVE THEM ELECTRONICALLY OR YOU GIVE IT TO THEM IN HARD COPY OR WHATEVER?

THIS IS ALL LEFT UP TO THE TRIAL JUDGE AND THE PARTIES TO DETERMINE?

>> WHAT WE'VE DONE IS IT TRY TO FOLLOW THE MODEL THAT IS IN THE FEDERAL RULES IN THAT THERE IS BASICALLY TWO CATEGORIES WE START OFF WITH.

ONE IS THE WAY THE INFORMATION IS ORDINARILY MAINTAINED IN THAT FORMAT AND THE OTHER FORMAT WOULD BE A REASONABLY USABLE FORMAT.

WITHIN EACH OF THOSE BUCKETS THERE MIGHT BE MYRIAD OF DIFFERENT WAYS YOU COULD PRODUCE THE INFORMATION IN TERMS OF FILE FORMATS, ET CETERA.

WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WHEN YOU GET THAT REQUEST, FIRST OF ALL AS REQUESTING PARTY HAS ABILITY TO SPECIFY I WANT THIS INFORMATION IN REASONABLY USABLE FORMAT AND COME IN THE FORMAT IT IS ORDINARILY MAINTAINED.

IF I'M RESPONDING TO THAT I CAN OBJECT TO THEIR CHOICE OF ONE OF THOSE TWO BUCKETS AND CAN SAY, NO, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE IT FROM THE OTHER BUCKET. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO IT WITH THE OTHER FORMAT.

IF THERE IS STILL DISAGREEMENT
THE JUDGE WILL RESOLVE THAT.
>> DOESN'T THIS REALLY BOIL
DOWN WHO HAS THE BEST EXPERT TO
EXPLAIN IT TO THE LINE JUDGE?
BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE NOT
EXPERTS AND WE AREN'T EITHER.
SO IT GIVES THE ONE WITH THE

BEST EXPERT SOMEBODY TRYING TO AVOID DISCOVERY TO ABUSE IT BY HIDING THE BALL, THE ONE WHO COMES UP WITH THE BEST EXPERT IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO REALLY COMMUNICATE AND IN TERMS THAT WE ALL UNDERSTAND SO THAT THE JUDGE CAN MAKE A RULING THAT WILL PREVAIL? >> I THINK THAT IS ACCURATE TO THE SENSE LIKE ANY OTHER HIGHLY TECHNICAL AREA WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT COMPUTERS, WHETHER YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PRODUCTS LIABILITY OR TALKING ABOUT SCIENCE OR MEDICINE, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE AS LAWYERS AND WE AS JUDGES WILL NEED A LOT OF HELP FROM EXPERTS IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND IT BECAUSE TO THIS DAY I STILL GET VERY WRAPPED UP AND OFF TRACK IN SOME OF THESE THINGS AND HAVE TO HAVE MY EXPERT SET ME STRAIGHT.

THAT WILL ALWAYS BE THERE.
WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE THE RISK OF
BATTLE OF THE EXPERTS.
>> YOU HAVE TO ASK FOR, YOU
HAVE TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ASKING
FOR.

>> YES.

>> BECAUSE I'VE HAD THESE CASES
AND YOU GO THROUGH ALL THIS
ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY, JUST HIT
THE BUTTON AND IT POPS UP BUT
IF YOU ASK FOR THE WRONG BUTTON
AND IT MIGHT POP UP BUT WON'T BE
WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.
>> IT IS CRITICAL TO KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR. IT IS
CRITICAL TO KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE
IF YOU'RE RESPONDING SO YOU CAN
RESPOND ACCORDINGLY SO YOU CAN
PROMISE WHAT YOU CAN DELIVER.
YOU HAVE PROBLEM OF
OVERPROMISING AND UNDERDELIVERING.

I'M INTO MY REBUTTAL TIME.
>> LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION
BEFORE YOU SIT DOWN.
ALTHOUGH YOU MADE DISTINCTION
WITH THE FEDERAL RULES THESE
DON'T REQUIRE ATTORNEYS TO MEET
AND CONFER AS IN THE FEDERAL

RULES, THERE ARE CERTAINLY NOT ANYTHING TO PROHIBIT A TRIAL JUDGE FROM ORDERING SUCH A THING?

>> NOTHING WHATSOEVER.

WE THINK IT WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA ON CASES THAT REQUIRE ESI FOR THE PARTIES TO MEET WHETHER IT IS VOLUNTARILY OR WHETHER THE COURT TELLS THEM THEY SHOULD REALLY DO IT.

I WANT TO TURN IT OVER TO MR.^CALDWELL.

>> YOU STILL HAVE THREE MINUTES FOR REBUTTAL.

>> GOOD MORNING, I'M DOUG CALDWELL FROM RUMBERGER, KIRK AND CALDWELL IN TAMPA, APPEARING ON BEHALF OF THE FLORIDA DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION AND LAWYERS FOR CIVIL JUSTICE.

FIRST OF ALL WE APPLAUD THE COMMITTEE FOR ITS PROACTIVE APPROACH TO THE PROBLEMS OF E-DISCOVERY FOR ALL THE REASONS THAT YOU HEARD AND THAT YOU READ.

WE SUBMIT, HOWEVER, THERE ARE THREE SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH THE COMMITTEE DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH.

ONE IS COST SHIFTING UNDER PROPOSAL 1.280-B.
ANOTHER IS PRESUMPTIVE LIMITS FOR DISCOVERY ON CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY WHICH ARE INACCESSIBLE BY ORDINARY MEANS. THIRD, ARE RESTRICTING SANCTIONS UNDER RULE 1.380.

>> WHAT WAS THE THIRD ONE? >> RESTRICTING THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS UNDER 1.380 TO INSTANCES INVOLVING WILLFUL MISCONDUCT AND REAL PREJUDICE.

>> DOESN'T, DON'T THESE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TRACK THE
FEDERAL RULES?
>> YES, YOUR HONOR, I'M GLAD
YOU BROUGHT THAT UP.
ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS AGAINST
THE COMMENT OF THE FDLE AND LCJ
ARE THAT THE FEDERAL RULES HAVE

NOT SEEN FIT TO GO IN THE DIRECTION THAT WE HAVE RECOMMENDED.

TWO RESPONSES TO THAT.
ONE, THE FEDERAL RULES
THEMSELVES, THE DISCOVERY RULES
ARE NO MODEL OF EFFICIENCY AND
FAIRNESS.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CIVIL RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERAL COURTS, THE DUKE CONFERENCE, SEDONA CONFERENCE ALL ARE REPLETE WITH SUGGESTIONS THAT THE FEDERAL DISCOVERY SYSTEM IF NOT BROKEN IS AT LEAST IN NEED OF SEVERE REPAIR.

THERE ARE ACTIONS GOING IN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO REMEDY THOSE.

WE HAVE SOME HOPES THAT WILL APPLY QUICKLY.

THE PROPOSALS OF THE LCJ AND FDLE DO NOT TILT THE PLAYING FIELD IN FAVOR OF THE PRODUCING PARTIES AS HAS BEEN COMMENTED. FOR EXAMPLE, WE AGREE WITH MR.^TRAWICK'S COMMENT THAT THE REQUESTING PARTY SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS INVOLVED. >> A QUESTION.

I READ YOUR COMMENTS AND APPRECIATE THOSE CONCERNS. WHAT AREA, BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING FROM EVERYTHING FROM BUSINESS LITIGATION TO MALPRACTICE CASES.

WHERE ARE THE AREAS WHERE THIS, THE CONCERN THAT THE DEFENSE LAWYERS HAVE COME UP THE MOST? WHAT TYPE OF CASES?

>> THE CONCERN IS ACROSS THE BOARD, YOUR HONOR.

THERE IS A MISPERCEPTION THAT THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFF VERSUS A LARGE CORPORATION DICHOTOMY.

THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

JUST AS AN EXAMPLE, A

MOM-AND-POP STORE NOW THAT IS

EQUIPPED WITH AN IPHONE AND A

LAPTOP HAS THE STORAGE

CAPABILITY OF THE EQUIVALENT OF

HUNDREDS UPON HUNDREDS IF NOT

THOUSANDS OF FILE BOXES OF MATERIAL.

SOMEBODY COMES TO MOM-AND-POP ANDSAYS, GIVE ME ALL OF THIS.

IT IS GOING TO BE CHAOS.

- OF COURSE THAT --
- >> WHAT WOULD BE HELPFUL?

 T DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S A WAY
- I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S A WAY TO DO THIS.
- IF WE PASSED THE RULE AS BEEN PROPOSED, SEEMS TO ME THE HELP WOULD BE TO PRESENT REAL-LIFE EXAMPLES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FENCE.
- LIKE, HERE IS, WHETHER IT'S THE WORST EXAMPLE OR THE BEST EXAMPLE OF HOW IT'S WORKED IN A WAY THAT'S NOT CHAOTIC FOR THE MOM-AND-POP STORE.
- AGAIN, I'M THINKING CAN'T YOU PUT IN A, YOU JUST DO A DISK AND THE DISK IS PRODUCED AND THEN THE INFORMATION IS PRODUCED?
- SO I DON'T, I KNOW THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT CAN, KNOW HOW TO DO THIS BUT SOMETIMES I JUST WONDER WHETHER IT IS BECAUSE OF THE, THAT IT'S, MAKES, SOUNDS MORE COMPLICATED THAN IT IS OR IS IT MORE COMPLICATED THAN IT SOUNDS?
- I GUESS THAT'S, AND THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MORE OF AN UNDERSTANDING.
- I KNOW JUSTICE PERRY HAS DONE THIS KIND OF --
- >> I CAN GIVE YOU A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES.
- IN THE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CIVIL RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE THERE WAS A STUDY SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS AND ANOTHER ONE, A MICROSOFT REPORT, WHICH INDICATED THAT FOR EXAMPLE, THE PERCENTAGE OF DOCUMENTS ACTUALLY INTRODUCED IN EVIDENCE TO DOCUMENTS PRODUCED IS LESS THAN .1 OF 1%.
- >> IS IT THAT, IS IT BECAUSE, AND THIS IS THE QUESTION.
- IF I ASKED A CORPORATION, GIVE ME -- THERE WAS THE FORD PINTO CASE MANY YEARS AGO, GIVE ME

THE DOCUMENT THAT SAYS IT WAS TO CHANGE WHERE THE GAS TANK IS WOULD ONLY COST, WHATEVER IT WAS BUT IF WE'RE NOT DOING IT. YOU KNOW THE DOCUMENT I'M REFERRING TO, THAT SAID THEY DID A COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF THE, OF THE MANUFACTURE. GIVE ME THAT DOCUMENT. SO IT IS, THERE'S A PROBLEM IF YOU DON'T, YOU CAN NARROW IT BUT YOU CAN'T SAY GIVE ME EVERYTHING THAT IS BAD, YOU KNOW, THAT, THAT YOUR CLIENT WOULDN'T WANT ME TO PRODUCE. I MEAN THAT WOULDN'T BE --ISN'T THAT THE PROBLEM THOUGH WITH SAYING THERE'S A LOT MORE PRODUCTION THAN WHAT IS INTRODUCED IN EVIDENCE BECAUSE THE SCOPE OF DISCOVERY IS BROADER? >> SCOPE OF DISCOVERY IS BROADER, YOUR HONOR. BRING UP A POINT THAT YOU RAISED A BIT EARLIER. TRICKLE OF INFORMATION IS IN ONE SENSE EASIER ELECTRONICALLY. THE CORRESPONDING BURDEN TO THAT IS THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN PRESERVED HAS INCREASED EXPONENTIALLY. WE'RE TALKING TERABYTES. WE'RE TALKING PETABYTES. >> WHY IS THE BURDEN ASPECT COVERED UNDER THE PROPOSED AMENDED RULE UNDER 1.280-b WHERE THE, WHERE THE PERSON WHO RECEIVES THE REQUEST CAN FILE A MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER OF SOME TYPE AND THEN THE COST AND BURDENSOME ASPECT BE CONSIDERED BY THE TRIAL JUDGE AND ACTUALLY MAY ORDER THAT THE COST OF DISCOVERY BE PAID BY THE PERSON SEEKING THE DISCOVERY? WHY IS IT CONSIDERED A --THERE? >> BETTER PROPOSAL, YOUR HONOR, WE'RE TALKING CLARITY. THE LINE JUDGES NEED CLARITY. OUR PROPOSAL WE FEEL CLARIFIES

THE EXPECTATION THAT UNDER

NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS SHOULD BE BORNE BY THE REQUESTING PARTY. THE REQUESTING PARTY AFTER ALL IS THE PARTY IN A LAWSUIT WHO HAS THE POWER TO CUT DOWN THE EXPENSE AND BURDEN OF -->> BUT IT SEEMS WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR IN THE RULE, I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN WHAT YOU'RE, WHAT YOU WANT AND WHAT'S IN THE RULE? >> WE PROPOSE A MODIFICATION OF THE RULE PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE AGAIN TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE NORMAL -->> HOW WOULD YOU DO THAT? >> REQUESTING PARTY PAYS. >> WHAT WOULD YOUR MODIFICATION LOOK LIKE OR READ LIKE?

- >> THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION --
- >> THE TEXAS MODEL?
- >> THE WORDING IS IN THE --
- >> DIDN'T THE FEDERAL COURT, THE FEDERAL COURT REJECT THAT?
- >> I BELIEVE THAT WAS IMPLEMENTED PRIOR TO THE FEDERAL RULES AND THEY LOOKED AT IT AND THEY REJECTED IT.

AND I BELIEVE WE LOOKED AT IT AND AT LEAST THE COMMITTEE REJECTED IT BECAUSE, THEY WANTED TO GIVE THE JUDGE AS MUCH FLEXIBILITY AS POSSIBLE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS INSTEAD OF LOCKING IT IN CONCRETE WHERE YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ANY DISCRETION AT ALL.

THAT IS THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF IT. YOU CAN WEIGH, YOU CAN BALANCE THE FACTORS AND CONDITIONS AND DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE PLAINTIFF SHOULD PAY VERSUS THE PARTY WHO MORE OR LESS GIVING THE DISCOVERY.

>> DISCRETION IS IMPORTANT, YOUR HONOR, HOWEVER CLARITY OF GUIDELINES IS ALSO IMPORTANT AND THIS WE FEEL IS WHAT OUR PROPOSAL ACCOMPLISHES THAT THE COMMITTEE'S WORDING DOESN'T. I'M OUT OF TIME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

- >> I UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU.
- >> PLEASE THE COURT.
- I'M RALPH ARTIGLIERE.
- I'M HERE IN TOTAL SUPPORT WHAT THE RULES COMMITTEE IS DOING.
- ON YOUR POINT, JUSTICE POLSTON, ADDING THE WORD EXTRAORDINARY
- RAISES TO A LEVEL LIKE
- PRIVILEGE.
- THEY'RE TAKING THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION TO A HIGHER LEVEL
- WHICH, I THINK THAT OUR RULES
- ON BURDENSOMENESS JUST AS YOU
- HAVE SAID TAKE FULL CARE OF
- THAT AND LET THE JUDGE MAKE A
- DETERMINATION.
- >> I WANT TO ASK JUST A QUESTION ABOUT JUDGES AND THEIR
- OWN BURDENS.
- THE FEDERAL COURTS THAT HAVE
- EXPERIMENTED WITH OR HAVE USED THIS RULE. THEY HAVE GOT
- THIS RULE, THEY HAVE GOT MAGISGTRATES WHO WERE FULL
- JUDGES REALLY.
- THEY'RE PAID, CERTAINLY LIKE
- JUDGES AND THEY'RE JUDGES.
- AND KNOWING, AT LEAST ON THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY, WHAT, TO GET
- A JUDGE THAT COULD DEVOTE TWO
- OR THREE HOURS TO JUST DISCUSS
- WHAT WAS BEING PRODUCED OR NOT
- BEING PRODUCED WHEN IT WAS
- PAPER, HOW AS A PRACTICAL
- MATTER WITH CASELOADS OUR
- JUDGES HAVE AND CUTTING BACK OF
- ALL ANCILLARY RESOURCES CAN
- JUDGES DO THIS ESPECIALLY IF IT
- ENDS UP WHERE YOU EACH SIDE
- ENDS UP HAVING TO GET THEIR OWN
- EXPERT TO EXPLAIN TO THE JUDGE
- IF IT IS BURDENSOME OR NOT
- BURDENSOME?
- >> THIS IS A REAL PROBLEM AND I'M ACTUALLY TEACHING NEW
- JUDGES NEXT WEEK AND WE'RE
- GOING TO TALK ABOUT THIS.
- THE ONLY WAY NOW YOU CAN GET A MAGISTRATE OR SPECIAL MASTER IS
- DV AGREEMENT OF THE DARWER
- BY AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES.
- AND IF THE PARTIES ARE OF AN ECONOMIC MEANS TO BE ABLE TO DO
- THAT, THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.
- YOU CAN GET SOMEBODY LIKE, JOE HAMILTON OR, WELL, I'M NOT

ASKING FOR ANYMORE ACTIVITY.
I HAVE, MY WIFE SAYS I'M DOING PLENTY RIGHT NOW.

BUT THEY CAN GET SOMEBODY LIKE BILL HAMILTON OR RALPH LOSEY, SOMEBODY TEACHING AND WHO UNDERSTANDS THIS STUFF AND HIRE THEM AND ALLOW THEM ON A ECONOMIC BASIS TO GET THROUGH THIS BUT I THINK WE'RE, YOUR EARLIER POINT, DOES IT SOUND MORE COMPLICATED THAN IT IS? I THINK IT DOES.

>> BUT ISN'T THAT THE PROBLEM? WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT IT IS VERY EASY FOR THIS TO SOUND COMPLICATED WHEN SOME OF US THAT HAVE NOW SEEN THE ADVANTAGES OF THINGS ELECTRONIC FORMATS, YOU CAN SEARCH DOCUMENT, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PRESS A LITTLE BUTTON AND SEARCH.

>> THAT IS EXACTLY RIGHT AND JUDGES WILL NEED SOME GUIDANCE ON WHAT THEY SHOULD DELVE INTO AND NOT DELVE INTO.

>> WOULDN'T IT BE I GUESS, AND THIS IS SOMETHING I REALLY JUST WONDER.

WE HAVE CERTAIN PLACES THAT HAVE BUSINESS DIVISIONS AND THEY'RE PROBABLY DEALING WITH IT A LOT.

WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST THING IS TO HAVE THE JUDGES THAT, MAYBE YOU'RE DOING IT, THAT HAVE DONE IT TO KIND OF SAY, WHEN THEY SAY THIS, THIS IS, THIS IS NOT REALLY BURDENSOME BECAUSE IT CAN BE DONE THAT WAY.

IS THAT --

>> THAT IS EXACTLY RIGHT.
AND YOU CAN HAVE BUSINESS COURT
RULES THAT WILL PUT A FINE TUNE
ON SOME OF THESE THINGS AND
GIVE A LITTLE MORE CLARITY THAT
THE DEFENSE LAWYERS ARE ASKING
FOR THAT CAN GIVE, SORT OF A
PRESUMPTIVE WAY THAT THEY WILL
GO THROUGH THEM.

BUT FOR THE VAST AMOUNT OF CASES THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE AS BIG AN ISSUE.

THE AMOUNT OF DOCUMENTS ARE NOT

GOING TO BE THAT MUCH. IT IS A CULTURAL CHANGE FOR LAWYERS AND JUDGES. AND IT'S AN EDUCATION ISSUE AND ONE THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH. WE'RE SPENDING A LOT OF TIME, YOU KNOW, I'M TEACHING AT AJS AGAIN THIS SUMMER. WE HAD IT LAST YEAR AT AJS. JUDGES NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT BUT THESE RULES -- YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU DID THE STRASER VERSUS YALAMANCHI CASE IN THE FOURTH DCA. YOU HAD TO COBBLE AN APPROACH THROUGH THE RULES TO ACCOMMODATE E-DISCOVERY. THAT BECAME A CASE THAT IS CITED NATIONWIDE THE WAY TO DO THAT.

NOW JUDGES DON'T HAVE TO COBBLE RULES.

THIS GIVES THEM A PATHWAY TO DEAL WITH IT.

THE BIGGEST ISSUE I SEE AND THE ONE THAT I ADDRESSED IN THE BRIEF ALONGWITH RALPH LOSEY AND BILL HAMILTON IS THE FACT THAT PRESERVATION IS THE PROBLEM. THAT'S THE BIG ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM FOR THE DEFENSE LAWYERS. THAT'S THE BIG PROBLEM. HOW MUCH DO I KEEP OF ALL OF THIS INFORMATION?

>> AT WHAT POINT?

DO YOU MEAN, YOU CAN'T TELL PEOPLE TO KEEP THINGS BEFORE THE LAWSUIT'S FILED?

>> WELL THAT'S THE, YOU KNOW, THAT'S THE BIG QUESTION.

IN FEDERAL COURT, IN FEDERAL COURT, THEY SAY IF YOU

ANTICIPATE, ANTICIPATE

PRESERVED.

LITIGATION YOU HAVE A DUTY TO PRESERVE. SO PRESERVE WHAT? HOW MUCH?

IF WE COULD HAVE SOME CLARITY IN FLORIDA ABOUT PROPORTIONALITY ON THE AMOUNT THAT NEEDS TO BE KEPT, OR

RIGHT NOW WE'RE DEALING WITH ->> HOW CAN WE, I GUESS WHAT I'M
QUESTIONING AND MAYBE I JUST
NEED TO LOOK AT THIS MORE, I
UNDERSTAND THERE IS EXFOLIATION

ISSUES BUT HOW CAN THE COURT WHEN THERE IS NOT A LAWSUIT SAY TO A POSSIBLE DEFENDANT, YOU BETTER KEEP, DON'T, YOU KNOW, I MIGHT BE AS A LAWYER SAYING TO MY CLIENT, KEEP EVERYTHING BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T WANT TO EVER BE ACCUSED OF DELETING SOMETHING IN BAD FAITH BUT HOW DO THE COURT IN RULES DO THAT?

>> WELL, WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE IT AND THE COURTS HAVE DONE IT.

YOU'VE DONE IT IN THE WAL-MART CASE.

THE COURTS HAVE DONE IT IN OTHER CASES.

JUST LIKE A LADDER.

YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT WHERE SOMEBODY FALLS OFF OF A LADDER. THE EXPLODING BOTTLE AT PUBLIX, THEY TAKE THAT BOTTLE AND THEY PRESERVE IT.

THERE IS NO CASE AT THAT POINT BUT THEY EXPECT THERE IS GOING TO BE A CASE.

NOW IF THEY INTENTIONALLY GOT RID OF THE LADDER, THE BOTTLE OR WHATEVER ELSE AND THE OTHER SIDE CAN'T MAKE THE CASE THAT IS EXFOLIATION.

THE DIFFICULTY AS ALL THE CASES WERE DEVELOPED FOR LADDERS, BOTTLES, BRAKE PARTS AND OTHER THINGS AND THE JUDGES WEREN'T THINKING ABOUT ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY.

SO THEY'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE.
THE DCAs ARE ALL OVER THE
PLACE.

>> IN A MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASE SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED BUT THE RECORDS, THOSE RECORDS HAVE TO BE KEPT.

>> THERE IS STATUTE THAT YOU'RE REQUIRED TO KEEP THEM.

SO MEDICAL MALPRACTICE IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT.

IN THOSE CASES THEY HAVE TAKEN LIKE VALSINO WHERE YOU DESTROYED THAT MEDICAL RECORD SOMEBODY NEEDED AND INCORPORATED, SOME OF THE DCAS INCORPORATED INTO THE EXFOLIATION AND PRESERVATION ARGUMENT WHERE IT MAY NOT EXACTLY FIT. >> SOUNDS LIKE IT WOULD BE A CASE AS OPPOSED TO A RULE? >> YES. THAT'S WHY THE CIVIL RULES

THAT'S WHY THE CIVIL RULES COMMITTEE DID NOT PUT IT IN BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE -->> HOW COULD WE PUT IT IN? >> YOU HAVE, I THINK YOU CAN DIRECT THEM TO FIND SOME CLARITY ON THIS. YOU CAN GIVE THEM SOME DIRECTION IN A CASE, IF YOU GET A CASE IN FRONT OF YOU THAT IS GOING TO DEAL WITH PRESERVATION PRIOR TO THE LITIGATION STARTING. YOU KNOW -->> THE PROBLEM IS THOSE CASES DON'T FIND THEIR WAY UP HERE. I THINK WE'VE HAD ONE IN MY 13 YEARS.

- >> THE WAL-MART CASE.
- >> WITH EVIDENCE.
- SO THAT'S, IT DOES BECOME VERY DIFFICULT TO HAUL OFF AND START RIGHTING REGULATIONS WHICH IS NOT REALLY IN THE NATURE OF WHAT WE DO.
- >> HERE'S WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO, JUSTICE LEWIS.

LAWYERS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CHANGE THEIR CULTURE AND UNDERSTAND, THEY'RE GETTING PAID THE BIG BUCKS AND THEY WILL HAVE TO TELL THEIR CLIENT WHAT TO KEEP AND WHAT NOT TO KEEP AND STAND BEHIND IT. IN ORDER TO DO THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR CLIENT HAS AND WHAT THEY DON'T HAVE AND WHEN A COURT LOOKS BACK ON IT, THEY'RE GOING TO SAY WAS THAT REASONABLE OR NOT? I MEAN THE FACT THEY CONTINUED WITH THEIR ROUTINE DESTRUCTION MAY BE A PROBLEM IN ONE CASE AND NOT ANOTHER CASE. >> SOUNDS LIKE YOUR EDUCATION

NEEDS TO GO TO THE FLORIDA BAR?
>> IT IS AND I'M TEACHING AT
THE FLORIDA BAR MEETING THIS
YEAR AND WE'RE TRYING TO GET
THEM, LAWYERS HAVE TO STOP

RUNNING AWAY FROM THIS PROBLEM.
THE LAWYERS HERE ARE NOT A
PROBLEM.

THEY SEE THOSE THINGS UP THERE ARE A LOT OF LAWYERS WHO ARE NOT, WELL, IT'S A DIFFICULT THING, I UNDERSTAND.

>> WE KNOW THE SAME THING ON THE MINIMIZATION RULES.

WE'RE TRYING TO GET
EDUCATION ON THAT AND IT'S ->> ALL THIS ELECTRONIC STUFF,
THIS IS ONE MORE STEP IN ALL
THE THINGS YOU'RE DOING ON
TECHNOLOGY WITH COURT RECORDS
AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

LAWYERS NEED TO ADAPT WHAT THEY PUT IN THE RECORD AND THEY NEED TO ADAPT ON THIS AS WELL.

- >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
- >> THANK YOU.

>> FIRST OF ALL I FIRMLY SUPPORT EVERYTHING THAT HE SAYS. PRESERVATION IS A VERY BIG PROBLEM BUT I THINK HE'S CORRECT AND I DON'T KNOW HOW WE DEAL WITH IT.

IT WILL TAKE A CASE THAT REACHES YOU ALL SO WE DEVELOP COMMON LAW ON THE SUBJECT OR IT WILL TAKE STATUTORY CHANGE. >> BECAUSE YOU HAVE HAD THE UNANIMITY IN PRESENTING THIS RULE, THAT THE COMMITTEE WHICH IS MADE UP OF, I ASSUME BOTH SIDES, COULD TAKE A LEAD IN, YOU KNOW, GIVING EDUCATION, PROVIDING EDUCATION TO THE BAR, NOT ONLY ON THIS ISSUE BUT ON THE ISSUE OF PRIVACY CONCERNS? BECAUSE THIS REALLY IS A BIG HOLE AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE, YOU KNOW, I THINK WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR WITH THE, WITH YOUR COMMITTEE.

IT IS NOT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT AND WE CAN'T DIRECT YOU TO DO IT BUT IT WOULD BE REALLY I THINK AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PROCESS.

>> THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE AS A COMMITTEE HAVE NO BUDGET.

>> OH.

>> UNFORTUNATELY.

WE CAN --

- >> THE COURT HAS NO BUDGET.
- >> I WOULD SAY THAT THERE ARE SECTIONS THAT HAVE THE BUDGETS.
- >> YES.
- >> AND THAT WOULD BE A QUESTION OF TALKING TO --.
- >> THAT IS WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY.

WE HAVE A LOT OF SUPPORT FROM THE BUSINESS LAW SECTION, IN PARTICULAR THEIR COMPUTER LAW COMMITTEE, DOUG SHERRY, WE PARTNER WITH PEOPLE LIKE THAT. BILL HAMILTON.

RALPH LOWSSY, PEOPLE THAT TALK ABOUT THE SUBJECT TRY TO PUT THE WORD OUT THERE.

>> DOES IT SEEM FROM THE LAWYERS PERSPECTIVE THAT WE REALLY NEED TO HAVE NOT OPTIONAL EDUCATION FOR OUR LINE JUDGES. WE NEED TO HAVE MANDATORY SO THAT ALL THE JUDGES WILL KNOW WHAT THEY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS ELECTRONIC STUFF?

ISN'T THAT REALLY WHAT WE NEED TO DO?

>> I THINK JUDGES NEED A LOT MORE EDUCATION ON IT AND THERE'S A NUMBER OF GREAT JUDGES OUT THERE THAT KNOW IT WELL BUT THERE ARE SOME JUST NEVER HAD A CASE.

I THINK IT WOULD HELP THEM A LOT TO HAVE THAT BASIC EDUCATION SO WHEN THAT FIRST CASE COMES IN AND DEAL WITH IT AND KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING. >> ONE OF THE WAYS AGAIN TO HELP IS NOT SATISFACTORY COMPLETELY BUT THERE ARE DISTANCE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND IF AGAIN THE BAR WORKING WITH THE JUDGES COULD HELP DEVELOP SOMETHING AND WE COULD HAVE THAT AVAILABLE WITH JUSTICE LABARGA'S LEADERSHIP ON COURT EDUCATION. I THINK THAT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT SO THAT THEY KNOW WHEN THESE EXPERTS ARE COMING IN ON BOTH SIDES, WHAT ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING FOR? >> EXACTLY.

OUR COMMITTEE IS HAPPY TO PARTNER WITH THE COURT AND WITH ANY COMMITTEE OR ANY SECTION WILLING TO PROMULGATE THAT EDUCATION.

WE TRIED TO GIVE JUDGES SOME FEEDBACK AND SOME GUIDANCE IN THE COMMENTS TO TELL THEM LOOK, IF YOU'RE NOT GETTING ENOUGH FROM THE LAWYERS, SEND THEM BACK.

GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COSTS AND BURDENS OF DISCOVERY. WE TRIED TO BURY THINGS IN THOSE COMMENTS, NOT BURY BUT PLACE THEM IN THE COMMENTS SO THEY HAVE SOME GUIDANCE AND THEY CAN DEAL WITH SOME OF THE THINGS WE KNOW THEY ARE GOING TO COME UP.

REAL BRIEFLY WANT TO ADDRESS A COUPLE ISSUES THAT CAME UP IN THE COMMENTS FROM THE DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION.

FIRST OF ALL THE ISSUES THEY IDENTIFY ARE VERY REAL ISSUES. THEY ARE THE THINGS WE FIGHT ABOUT ON DAILY BASIS IN E-DISCOVERY WORLD.

MY PROBLEM I DON'T KNOW WE CAN DEAL WITH THEM ON RULES LEVEL. WE MAY HAVE TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT THEM OUT ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

THE PROBLEM IS WHEN WE GET VERY SUBSTANTIAL, GET VERY SPECIFIC CATEGORY-BASED LIMITATIONS WHAT CAN'T BE PRODUCED OR WHAT CAN BE PRODUCED THAT CAN BREAK WHEN YOU START GETTING TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES TO WHERE WE'RE SAYING IT IS TOO BURDENSOME BUT REALITY IT IS NOT BECAUSE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCED AND CAUGHT UP WHERE IT IS NOT A BURDEN ANYMORE.

SECOND THING ON PROPOSAL HAVING REQUESTING PARTY PAY, FDLA LANGUAGE REQESTING PARTY SHALL PAY WHICH MAKES IT MANDATORY AS OPPOSED TO HAVING A JUDGE DECIDE AND REASONABLE COST OF EXTRAORDINARY STEPS.
THAT LIMITS THE COST TO BE

ASSESSED ACTUALLY.

I WOULD HAVE THE JUDGE SAY YOU WILL PAY EVEN ORDINARY COSTS BECAUSE IN THIS CASE IS THAT IS WHAT IS JUSTIFIED.

I DON'T FEEL LIKE THE JUDGE HAS TO FIND THAT EXTRORDINARY STEPS ARE JUSTIFIED REQUIRED TO JUSTIFY COST OF PRODUCTION. WE TRIED TO STRIKE THE BALANCE TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES AND TRY TO GIVE THE JUDGES ENOUGH DISCRETION TO RESOLVE THESE CASES IN REAL LIFE.

WE HOPE WE STRUCK THE BALANCE. IF NOT WE'LL BE BACK HERE AGAIN IN A FEW YEARS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

WE THANK YOU ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TODAY, THANK YOU.