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COMMENDATIONS

The following Assistant United States Attorneys have been commended:

**Riley Atkins** (District of Oregon), by Larry M. McKinney, Resident Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration, Portland, for his legal skill in the prosecution of a health and research company in violation of federal regulations concerning controlled substances.

**Dorothea Beane** (Florida, Middle District), by Captain John Geer, Jr., Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, Alexandria, Virginia, for her excellent representation in a medical malpractice action.

**Glenn Bronson, Ann Campbell, Gary Glazer, and Terri Marinari** (Pennsylvania, Eastern District), by William Rudman, Regional Director, Office of Internal Affairs, U.S. Customs Service, Boston, for successfully prosecuting a customs inspector in a criminal fraud case.

**Richard N. Cox** (Illinois, Central District), by Jeremy D. Margolis, Director, Illinois State Police, Collinsville, for his excellent representation and professionalism in the trial and conviction of a mail threat case.

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**Joseph Holloman** (Mississippi, Southern District), by Jack C. Kean, Regional Inspector General for Investigations, Department of Labor, Atlanta, for his successful conclusion of a recent litigation case on behalf of the Department of Labor.

**Arthur Leach** (Georgia, Southern District) by William S. Sessions, Director, FBI, Washington, D.C., for his successful prosecution of the "Captain Sam" case, a fuel oil distribution scheme to defraud the government.

**James L. Lewis** (Illinois, Central District), by T.F. Crane, District Counsel, Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island, for his assistance in the recovery of the government's full claim for damages to a lock and dam structure on the Mississippi River.

**John Mayfield** (District of Arizona), by Col. Edwin F. Hornbrook, Chief, Claims and Tort Litigation Staff, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C., for obtaining a favorable decision in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Chalk S. Mitchell** (District of Colorado), by Edward S.G. Dennis, Jr., Acting Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for his recruitment efforts at the recent National Bar Association Convention and the National Black Prosecutors Association Job Fair.

**Paul J. Moriarty** (Florida, Middle District), was awarded the Federal Bar Association Younger Federal Lawyer Award designed to "accord recognition to outstanding young federal attorneys nominated by agency heads, General Counsels, Judge Advocate Generals, Administrative Law Judges and fellow attorneys."

**James E. Mueller** (District of Arizona), by Gerald J. Smagala, Assistant Director, Evaluation and Review Staff, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, Washington, D.C., for his participation as an instructor at the Financial Litigation Evaluator Training Conference in New Orleans.

**Karl Overman** (Michigan, Eastern District), received a Certificate of Appreciation from Michael J. Astrue, General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C., for his exceptional service to the Office of the General Counsel.

**Gerald Rafferty** (District of Colorado), by Robert L. Pence, Special Agent in Charge, FBI, Denver, for his valuable assistance in the investigation and trial of a complex criminal case.

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**Whitney Schmidt** and **Monte Richardson** (Florida, Middle District), by Richard Foree, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service, Tampa, for their outstanding representation in the prosecution of a case involving \$80,000 in counterfeit \$20 Federal Reserve notes. **Whitney Schmidt** was also commended by Loy A. Haynes, Chief, and Michael P. Martin, Regional Counsel, Firearms and Explosives Licensing Center, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Atlanta, for his participation in an expert witness training class for ATF employees.

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**Catherine L. Votaw** (Pennsylvania, Eastern District), by James J. West, United States Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania, for her participation in a recent retreat held at Bucknell University.

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**William E. Yahner** (Texas, Southern District), by Leon Oliver, Acting Engineer in Charge, Federal Communications Commission, Houston, for his excellent representation of the FCC in a case involving the violation of national radio laws and regulations.

**Warren Zimmerman** (Florida, Middle District), by Nancy R. McCormack, Miami Sector Counsel, U.S. Border Patrol, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Pembroke Pines, for his successful prosecution of the first employer sanctions district court enforcement action in Florida.

PERSONNEL

On October 10, 1989, Wayne A. Budd was sworn in as United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

On October 16, 1989, Otto Obermaier was sworn in as United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

On October 16, 1989, Richard A. Pocker became Interim United States Attorney for the District of Nevada.

On October 11, 1989, D. Paul Vernier was sworn in as United States Attorney for the District of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ASSET FORFEITURE

On September 27, 1989, Attorney General Dick Thornburgh announced the establishment of an Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture. Cary H. Copeland, formerly Deputy Associate Attorney General, will serve as Director.

This office is charged with responsibility for overall management and improvement of the asset forfeiture program. It will have oversight and planning responsibilities for management of the fund; will determine the feasibility of uniform departmental procedures for documenting and processing forfeitures; and will develop a single, integrated information system to capture and maintain operational information on all aspects of the forfeiture process.

The Attorney General stated that six different components of the Department of Justice have had forfeiture responsibilities and their efforts can be enhanced by greater coordination. He added that United States Attorneys will continue to be the principal litigators of judicial forfeitures; the investigative agencies will retain responsibilities for investigations and seizures and for processing administrative forfeitures; the Asset Forfeiture Office of the Criminal Division will continue to serve as a strategic reserve of forfeiture litigators as well as acting as general counsel to the Department on forfeiture matters; and the United States Marshals Service will retain responsibilities for property management and disposition.

The Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture, which is part of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, is located in Room 6324, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530. The telephone number is FTS/202-786-4115; the fax number is FTS/202-633-5126.

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DRUG ISSUESDepartment of Justice Appropriations/Drug-Related Funding

On September 27, 1989, the Senate Appropriations Committee ordered favorably reported the Department's FY 1990 appropriations, H.R. 2991, minus the Emergency Drug Funding title which had been adopted in Subcommittee. The measure was subsequently approved by the full Senate on September 29, 1989. The Emergency Drug Funding title was modified to reflect the recent bipartisan Senate agreement on drug-related funding. This was added as a floor amendment to H.R. 3015, the FY 1990 Transportation Appropriations bill which passed September 27, by a vote of 97-2. Key elements of the bipartisan agreement are as follows:

1. Fully fund all elements of the \$7.9 billion drug strategy as proposed by the President. Fully fund all elements of the President's crime package.
2. Add \$900 million in budget authority (\$800 million for education, prevention, and treatment and \$100 million for state and local law enforcement grants).
3. Apply an across-the-board cut of .300 of one percent on all domestic and international discretionary programs, projects, and activities. Offsets required in excess of .300 shall be derived from specific program offsets or an additional across-the-board cut, or a combination thereof. These will be determined by each Appropriations Subcommittee and applied proportionately to achieve the equivalent of an additional .130 of one percent across-the-board reduction. The total reduction is 0.430.
4. After all appropriation bills are passed, the Senate will consider a bill incorporating the remaining legislative initiatives of the President's drug strategy and other drug-related amendments.
5. The Majority Leader and the Minority Leader will determine a method for floor consideration of legislation covering the drug bill and violent crimes issues. (Death penalty, habeas corpus reform, the exclusionary rule, Justice Department reorganization, international money laundering, and those relating to the availability of firearms for purchase.) This legislation is to come before the Senate no earlier than October 20, 1989 and no later than November 15, 1989.

The amendment of H.R. 3015 increases the Department of Justice Emergency Drug Funding from the \$1.713 billion Subcommittee level to \$1.793 billion. \$300 million is earmarked for state and local law enforcement assistance programs. \$200 million had been earmarked in the Subcommittee version.

Drug Strategy Bill

During the week of October 9-13, 1989, the Senate passed two drug bills. The first, S. 1735, would generally implement those parts of the President's 1989 National Drug Control Strategy that require legislation.

The second, S. 1711, consists of a pastiche of about 75 provisions that were added on the Senate floor and that were subsequently passed by a vote of 100-0. S. 1711, as passed by the Senate, contains a number of provisions that the Department has supported in the past (e.g., improving federal debt collection procedures and making various minor and technical corrections and amendments to the criminal statutes). The amendments to S. 1711 which were adopted by the Senate on October 3 included:

1. A Biden amendment authorizing \$57 million for the hiring of additional FBI agents and support personnel for drug cases, \$47 million for the Drug Enforcement Administration, \$24 million for additional Assistant United States Attorneys and staff for drug cases, and \$9 million for the United States Marshals Service. The \$47 million for the Drug Enforcement Administration would include \$10 million for enforcement of laws regarding precursor and essential chemicals and \$37 million for assigning of "not fewer than 250 agents to rural areas."

2. A Simon amendment requiring detention, pending appeal, of persons convicted of drug trafficking offenses.

3. A Biden amendment to overcome the effect of the McNally Supreme Court case on public corruption prosecutions. Although the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 partially overcame the effect of the McNally case by restoring coverage under the mail and wire fraud statutes of schemes to defraud that deprived the public of the intangible right to the honest services of public officials, further changes were necessary to provide for expanded federal jurisdiction and higher penalties in instances of state and local corruption.

4. A Thurmond amendment incorporating the provisions of the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act. This proposal was drafted by a working committee of United States Attorneys and is intended to facilitate collection of debts owed to the United States by making uniform the law and procedure available to the United States in pursuing debtors and collecting debts owed to the federal government.

House Republicans and Democrats are working separately to develop their own drug bills. There is now a real possibility that a bill will be presented to the President in this session.

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#### Boot Camp Prisons

On September 14, 1989, J. Michael Quinlan, Director, Bureau of Prisons, testified before the Criminal Justice Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee on H.R. 2985, a bill to create federal correctional boot camps. Mr. Quinlan reiterated support for the National Drug Control Strategy, which includes grants for states to develop alternative sentencing programs, such as boot camps. However, Mr. Quinlan suggested that the implementation on the federal level be postponed until additional research is completed.

The Bureau of Prisons has several concerns. A potential for abuse of summary discipline exists, and post release programs, essential elements of state programs, are not included. More importantly, the less violent population targeted for boot camp programs, is extremely limited in the federal system. Implementation of such a program could result in a greater number of incarcerations, further stretching limited resources. Mr. Quinlan proposed that the Bureau of Prisons preliminarily develop contracts with state agencies to place federal prisoners in state programs as an alternative to funding federal camps.

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#### Controlling The Supply Of Drugs

On October 3, 1989, the Senate Judiciary Committee met to discuss efforts to stem the supply of drugs coming into this country. Testifying on behalf of the Department was John Lawn, Administrator, DEA, and William S. Sessions, Director, FBI.

Senator Biden's concerns centered around his differences with the President's drug control strategy. Senator Kennedy focused on the line of responsibility in the military's role in the drug war. Senator Leahy was concerned that too much emphasis is being put on future policing of the southern United States border and that the northern border would be neglected. Mr. Sessions noted in response to questioning that the FBI is presently diverting assets from other areas of concern (*i.e.*, white collar crime, organized crime, counterterrorism, etc.) in order to adequately cover drug war investigations.

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Drug Testing

American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO v. Skinner, No. 87-5417 (D.C. Cir. Sept. 8, 1989).  
DJ # 35-16-2757

This case was a challenge by employee unions to the random testing requirement in the Department of Transportation's (DOT) drug testing program. While most of the employees were air traffic controllers, the controllers' union participated in the case only as amicus, and so the court of appeals declined to consider the legality of testing controllers. However, in sustaining the random testing of other job categories, the court made it plain that testing of controllers would also be allowed.

The three job categories specifically considered in the court's opinion were railway safety inspectors, FAA aviation mechanics, and DOT mail van operators. The court sustained the random testing of the first two categories on the basis of the safety aspects of these jobs, and mail van operators on the basis of their access to classified information (which they sometimes carry in their vans). In addition, the decision rejects several broad attacks on random testing itself. Specifically, the decision holds: (1) that the balancing test formulated by the Supreme Court in Skinner and Von Raab applies to random testing; (2) that drug testing is valid despite its inability to detect whether there is use or impairment on the job; and (3) that a history of intra-agency drug use is not an essential ingredient in establishing the reasonableness of a testing program. Finally, the court rejected the claim that the program violates the Rehabilitation Act.

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National Association of Federal Employees v. Cheney,  
No. 88-5080 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 29, 1989). DJ # 145-15-1682

The D.C. Circuit has now issued its second recent drug testing decision, upholding important parts of the Army civilian employees drug testing program--personnel engaged in aviation, guard and security duty, and employees who counsel or rehabilitate drug users. The court also remanded for further factual development the category of employees who have access to munitions, chemicals, etc. The court, however, held unconstitutional that part of the program involving testing of employees engaged in the testing of urine specimens for the Army drug testing program, concluding that our "integrity" rationale was insufficient under the D.C. Circuit's earlier Department of Justice drug testing decision, Harmon v. DOJ, No. 88-5265, decided June 30, 1989.

If you have any questions regarding the above drug testing cases, please contact Leonard Schaitman, FTS/202-633-3441, or Robert V. Zener, FTS/202-633-3425, of the Civil Division Appellate Staff.

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POINTS TO REMEMBER

Environmental Crimes Cases And Assistance From The Environmental Crimes Section, Land And Natural Resources Division

Criminal prosecutions are being brought with increasing frequency under federal environmental statutes. Because of the unique nature of these cases and the need for national consistency as courts apply the various environmental criminal statutes, the Environmental Crimes Section (ECS) of the Land and Natural Resources Division coordinates all such prosecutions. Environmental criminal prosecutions are conducted under the procedures set forth in Title 5, Chapter 11, of the United States Attorneys' Manual.

Over twenty ECS attorneys, offering many years of grand jury and trial experience in environmental criminal cases, are available to assist United States Attorneys' offices, prosecute cases jointly with Assistant United States Attorneys on a team basis, and when appropriate, assume primary responsibility. Legal resource materials, including indictments, motion responses, trial briefs, and sentencing memoranda, are available through ECS. On occasion, it may be appropriate for an attorney from the Environmental Protection Agency or another agency to be appointed as a Special Assistant United States Attorney to assist the Assistant United States Attorney and ECS attorney. Regardless of where primary responsibility for the case lies as between the United States Attorneys' office and ECS, all such appointments in environmental cases must be authorized by the Assistant Attorney General for the Land and Natural Resources Division, see USAM 5-11.312.

Requests for such appointments, as well as for other assistance, should be directed to Joseph G. Block, Chief, Environmental Crimes Section, Land and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 23985, Washington, D.C. 20026 (FTS/202-272-9877; Fax FTS/202-272-9881). Requests must contain the information specified in Title 9, see USAM 9-11.242. If the appointment is authorized by the Assistant Attorney General, the request will be forwarded for further processing to the Executive Office for United States Attorneys.

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Equitable Sharing

On October 3, 1989, Edward S.G. Dennis, Jr., Acting Deputy Attorney General, issued the following interim guidance regarding equitable sharing:

Section 6077 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 requires that any property transferred to state and local law enforcement agencies based on a forfeiture under Title 21 "is not so transferred to circumvent any requirement of state law that prohibits forfeiture or limits use or disposition of property forfeited to state or local agencies." This provision took effect on October 1, 1989. As the precise reach of this provision is not clear and as there is no contemporaneous legislative history to guide its interpretation, it has the potential for severely limiting our ability to share forfeited property with participating state and local law enforcement agencies. Congress recognizes the problem and is currently moving to correct it. Although prospects for enactment of corrective legislation are excellent, it will happen after the October 1 effective date.

Pending enactment of corrective legislation, the following guidelines shall be applied in determining whether equitable sharing payments can be made in specific cases consistent with 21 U.S.C. §881(e)(3)(B):

1. The statutory limitation shall apply solely to so-called "adoptive seizures," i.e., seizures resulting from enforcement activities carried out exclusively by state and local officials.
2. The limitation shall not apply to adoptive seizures accepted for federal forfeiture prior to October 1, 1989.
3. The limitation shall not apply to adoptive seizures accepted for federal forfeiture on or after October 1, 1989 if any one or more of the following factors apply: (a) The seizure took place in a state which has no express constitutional or statutory provision which could be circumvented by the federal forfeiture and sharing; (b) the seizure is integral to a federal criminal prosecution; or (c) the Attorney General of the state in which the seizure was made has stated in writing that sharing in adoptive seizure cases does not circumvent the state constitution or statutory law.

Equitable sharing is one of the most successful law enforcement programs of recent decades and is essential to an effective national drug enforcement program. The Department of Justice will continue to pursue corrective legislation as one of its highest legislative priorities. Mr. Dennis stated that while he

recognizes that the construction set out above will not protect against the potential for divisive and time-consuming litigation among state and local agencies over federal equitable sharing payments, he is optimistic that corrective legislation will be enacted before such litigation is initiated. In the meantime, it is hoped that the interpretation will minimize the adverse effects of Section 6077 while at the same time adhering to the intent of Congress in enacting this provision of law. If no corrective legislation is forthcoming within the next few weeks, more comprehensive and refined guidance will be provided.

If you have any questions, please call Cary Copeland, Director, Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture, at FTS/202-786-4115.

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#### Guideline Sentencing Updates

A copy of the "Guideline Sentencing Update," Volume 2, Number 13, dated September 21, 1989, and Volume 2, Number 14, dated October 6, 1989 is attached at the Appendix of this Bulletin as Exhibit A.

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#### Money Laundering

Michael Zeldin, Director, Asset Forfeiture Office, Criminal Division, has prepared an outline of the money laundering statute, 18 U.S.C. §1956(a)(1-3) and an updated money laundering case list. Copies are attached at the Appendix of this Bulletin as Exhibit B and Exhibit C.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Zeldin at FTS/202-786-4950.

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#### Supreme Court Decision In United States v. Halper

Attached as Exhibit D at the Appendix of this Bulletin is an article prepared by Michael M. Baylson, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Assistant United States Attorney Catherine Votaw of the Eastern District, concerning the recent Supreme Court decision in United States v. Halper, 109 S.Ct. 1892 (1989). The article is entitled "When Civil Law Meets Double Jeopardy: Rough Remedial Justice, Halper, And The Need For Parallel Civil And Criminal Proceedings."

The thrust of this article is to point out some litigation issues which the Halper decision raises and also suggest more creative use of parallel proceedings to avoid the Halper issue.

Any questions should be directed to Michael M. Baylson, at FTS/215-597-1716, or Catherine Votaw, at FTS/215-597-9277.

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### LEGISLATION

#### Americans With Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act is proceeding in the House under the normal committee process. There is some talk of slowing the process at this point by members on both sides of the aisle. Their concern is that the practical impact of this bill on their constituents has not been considered by the Senate or the House. Their concerns center on the private transportation issue and the degree of structural alterations required under the publications accommodations title. Steny Hoyer, manager of the bill in the House, believes these concerns can be allayed and it is his expectation that the bill will come to the House floor for debate and vote sometime in November.

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#### Appropriations

Department of Justice appropriations are included in two separate Senate bills--Commerce, Justice and State (CJS), our regular bill, and Department of Transportation (DOT), which includes the "emergency drug funding" title. The House and Senate have named conferees for both bills.

When House conferees on the Department's regular appropriations bill were appointed on October 11, 1989, Congressman Ridge offered a motion on the House floor to instruct the conferees to accept a provision in the Senate version of the bill prohibiting the Census Bureau from including illegal aliens in the decennial census count. The motion was defeated 232 to 184. It has been the longstanding position of the Department that Section 2 of the Fourteenth Amendment requires that inhabitants of states be included in the census count even if such inhabitants are illegal aliens. The Commerce Department has recommended a veto on the basis of this provision, and the Justice Department has indicated that it supports Commerce, though not specifying a veto threat expressly.

Senators Helms, Dole, Rudman and Cohen cosponsored an amendment to the CJS appropriations bill on September 29, 1989, which would create a Religious Issues Oversight Board within the Department of Justice to provide relief to inmates beyond that already in place within the Bureau of Prisons. The religious community in general has had no problems with present procedures or the results of the very few religious grievances which are appealed to the Director. The Department strongly opposes this amendment, as we see many constitutional and procedural problems.

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#### Death Penalty

On September 19, 1989, the Senate Judiciary Committee held hearings on Senator Thurmond's death penalty bill (S. 32). Assistant Attorney General Edward S.G. Dennis, Jr., Criminal Division, testified on behalf of the Department. While Mr. Dennis expressed the Department's general approval of Senator Thurmond's bill, he stressed the Department's preference for the Administration's death penalty bill, S. 1225, which contains some substantive and technical differences with S. 32.

Chairman Biden questioned Mr. Dennis at length regarding the relationship between the Administration's capital punishment proposal and the death penalty provisions enacted as part of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. The Chairman repeatedly referenced Presidential remarks and White House press office statements to the effect that the Administration is "seeking the death penalty for drug kingpins." After stating that he was certain that the President was aware of the death penalty provision in the 1988 drug bill, Mr. Dennis suggested that the President may simply have been reminding the public that the Administration will seek the death penalty under the provisions of the 1988 drug bill in all appropriate cases. (The 1988 drug bill authorizes capital punishment for (1) intentional killings and causing or ordering an intentional killing by anyone engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise or serious drug trafficking offense; (2) intentional killings of any federal, state or local law enforcement officer during the commission of, furtherance of, or in attempt to avoid apprehension, prosecution or imprisonment for, a drug felony.) Mr. Dennis was also asked by the Chairman to clarify this issue with the White House.

Senator Specter specifically asked whether the Administration supports the death penalty for major drug traffickers in cases which do not involve intentional killings. Mr. Dennis indicated there might be constitutional problems with such a formulation and that a provision was not included in the death penalty bill.

On September 27, 1989, the Senate Judiciary Committee met for the second of three hearings. Paul Cassell, Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, testified in rebuttal to prior testimony on the possibility of mistakes in capital punishment cases.

The third and final hearing was held on October 2, 1989 and again Edward S.G. Dennis, Jr. testified on behalf of the Department. Questioning from Senator Kennedy centered around the constitutionality of S. 1696, the Racial Justice Act, which would prohibit the imposition of the death penalty under state or federal law if the sentence is part of a racially discriminatory pattern. Mr. Dennis testified that the Racial Justice Act is of questionable constitutionality because it distorts the decision-making process to the extent that race becomes a factor.

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Federal Prison Industries (UNICOR) Amendment To The  
Department Of Defense Authorization Bill

The House conferees on the Department of Defense (DOD) authorization bill have agreed to support UNICOR and are working to defeat Senator Dixon's amendment eliminating UNICOR's preference in sales to DOD. In a joint conference meeting on September 27, 1989, this amendment was the subject of very strong statements by many of the House conferees. The House Judiciary conferees have signed a joint letter in favor of removing the amendment. A vote was not taken because only two Senators were present at the meeting. This issue will now go to the full conference committee.

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Federal Tort Claims Act Amendments

On October 25, 1989, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations will hold a hearing on three bills affecting the Federal Tort Claims Act. Two of them, H.R. 1095 and H.R. 2536, would substantially repeal the discretionary function exception to the Act, which precludes government liability based upon policy decisions of government employees. H.R. 1095 would permit the United States to be held liable if a government contractor violates a safety standard and the United States fails to require compliance. Such a result would effectively make the United States Treasury the insurance fund for workers compensation claims. The Department contends this would be a misallocation of resources.

The second bill, H.R. 2536, would limit the discretionary function exception to policy formulation, thereby excluding policy implementation activities from the liability protection. The fallacy of this distinction lies in the fact that tortious injuries inevitably arise from implementation, not from the mere formulation of policy. Hence, this bill would essentially abolish the exception and leave the United States vulnerable to tort suits predicated upon policy decisions. The budgetary impact of such a measure would be profound and the effect on government decision-making would be troubling.

H.R. 2372 would create a new federal agency and an entitlement program to pay certain residents of Utah, Nevada and Arizona and certain miners compensation for diseases that were presumably caused by exposure to radiation. There is no requirement that causation be established and out data does not support a causal connection between government activities and the diseases reported by the residents and miners. Additionally, the bill effectively overrides the discretionary function exception to the FTCA because the government decisions that would allegedly lead to liability would also be otherwise protected by the exception. The bill goes around the FTCA to afford special treatment for these two groups of individuals. The Department is vigorously opposed to all three bills. While we are unable to determine at this juncture the extent of support for each bill, we are committed to thwarting these attempts to amend the Federal Tort Claims Act.

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#### Hatch Act Repeal

It is expected that the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs will file its report soon on S. 135, a bill to repeal the Hatch Act. The Administration strenuously opposes this legislation, which passed the House by a sweeping majority in April, 1989. The Director of the Office of Personnel Management and the Special Counsel joined Edward S.G. Dennis, Jr., Acting Deputy Attorney General, in testifying against the bill before the Senate Committee in July, 1989. The bill has accumulated about 49 co-sponsors. Senators Roth, McConnell, and Rudman have been in the forefront in opposing the bill, but many Senators remain uncommitted. The Department has prepared a letter for distribution to each Senator, signed by the Attorney General, the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and the Special Counsel, in an attempt to defeat this legislation.

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Indian Law Enforcement Reform

On September 15, 1989, the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs held a markup of H.R. 498, the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act. The House had removed from its version of the bill a provision which would have required FBI agents to make a report to Indian law enforcement personnel upon making a determination that a criminal investigation should be terminated. The House also deleted a provision which would have required United States Attorneys to make available to such Indian authorities the files related to such declinations. The Senate Committee amended the bill to "authorize" the FBI and United States Attorneys to provide such declination information to Indian authorities, but removed all language compelling such provision.

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International Court

On October 6, 1989, Senator Specter met with representatives from the Department of Justice and the Department of State to reiterate his interest in establishing an international court. Department Legal Advisor Judge Sofaer informed the group that the United Nations' Sixth Committee (the Legal Committee) has agreed to consider a Trinidad proposal for this concept. Senator Specter wishes to explore an analogy to the Nuremberg Court, and we agreed to make available to the Senator the historical research on the Nuremberg Court which has been compiled by the Office of Special Investigations of the Criminal Division. Senator Specter stated that he hopes to reconvene the same group in the near future.

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Money Laundering

On September 27, 1989, the Senate Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics and International Operations met to discuss the issue of money laundering. Terrence M. Burke, Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, spoke on behalf of the Department of Justice. Chairman Kerry, while questioning Mr. Burke, criticized the Treasury Department's alleged lack of efforts at dealing with the money laundering problem. In particular, Senator Kerry stated that, "Treasury seems to be paranoid with efforts to deal with money laundering." He also stated that he hopes to hear from Treasury officials at another hearing sometime in the near future. Mr. Burke informed the Subcommittee that he could not estimate how much drug money passed through U.S. banks, but stated that one operation laundered \$1.2 billion over an 18-month period.

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CIVIL DIVISIOND.C. Circuit Sustains Removal For Cause Of Employee  
Who Failed to Maintain Eligibility For Access To  
Classified Information

After learning that Doe had engaged in homosexual relationships with foreign nationals, the National Security Agency (NSA) proposed to remove his access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI), a necessary condition of employment at NSA. Following revocation of SCI access, NSA advised Doe that he would be removed from employment.

Doe filed suit in district court challenging his removal on a variety of grounds, including violation of his due process and equal protection rights and violation of the statute authorizing removals from federal employment in the interests of national security. The court of appeals, addressing only the statutory authorities question, reversed and held that unless NSA used its special summary removal statute, 50 U.S.C. 833, it was required to proceed under §7532 where removals are based on national security concerns. The Supreme Court reversed. The Court remanded for questions of whether NSA complied with its own regulations and other issues not decided on the first appeal.

The court of appeals has now held that the removal under the "for cause" procedures was proper, that NSA adhered to its regulations and that no constitutional rights were infringed. Specifically, the court recognized that there can be no property interest in a security clearance and that revocation of Doe's access to classified information did not infringe a liberty interest because the determination was not disseminated beyond the few federal agencies that considered Doe for employment. Even assuming that a liberty interest had been implicated, the court held that the procedures utilized in this case provided ample due process.

Doe v. Cheney, No. 86-5395 (D.C. Cir.  
Sept. 12, 1989). DJ # 35-16-2424

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Ninth Circuit States That Annuity Testimony Must Be Considered By District Courts When Setting Present Values Of Economic Losses

Plaintiffs are a severely deformed child who was born in an Alaska military hospital and his parents. The district court held the hospital responsible for the child's condition and awarded damages of almost \$11 million. On appeal, we did not contest liability. We did challenge the size of the award, however, and the district court's refusal to consider evidence showing how an annuity could provide income to care for the child at a relatively low cost.

At trial, government counsel attempted to elicit testimony from his expert economist about the cost of a blue-chip, lump-sum annuity that would compensate the child for his economic losses. We argued that annuity testimony was actually far more realistic than the usual economic computations regarding present value of future losses. The district court refused to hear the evidence.

The Ninth Circuit has now stated that the court's action was an abuse of discretion, remanding the case for consideration of this evidence. This is apparently the first time that a court of appeals has endorsed the use of annuity testimony in setting damage awards, and potentially gives the government new support in cutting the size of verdicts in FTCA cases. The court of appeals also instructed the district court that its present value calculations, using a negative 2 percent discount rate, were incorrect, and suggested that a positive 1.9 percent discount rate "would have been proper for the district court to apply." If, on remand, the district court were to adopt this discount rate, the award for economic losses (\$8.75 billion in this case) would be cut in half.

Substantial non-economic awards (for pain and suffering, physical impairment, and parental loss) were upheld, as was the award to plaintiffs of damages to pay for 24-hour nursing care for life. The court of appeals appeared to suggest, however, that the government might obtain a set-off in future cases for therapy provided in public schools if it provided specific evidence of the value of this care.

Scott v. United States, Nos. 86-4017 and  
4012 (9th Cir. Sept. 9, 1989). DJ # 157-82-1161

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**Ninth Circuit Rules That Contempt Sanctions Against  
The United States Are Barred In The Absence Of Express  
Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity**

Following our first appeal in this Equal Access to Justice case--in which the Ninth Circuit affirmed the underlying fee award, but reduced it by half--the district court ordered the Social Security Administration (SSA) to pay the reduced fee award (of about \$9000) within 30 days. SSA endeavored to do so, but, due to a clerical error, delivered the check three weeks late. Plaintiff's counsel filed a motion for contempt sanctions and additional fees, despite the fact that the clerical error had already been discovered and he had been informed that the check was on its way to him. He received the check the following day. He nevertheless pursued his motion, and the district court awarded over \$5,000 consisting of a "sanction" of \$100 per day, plus interest and additional attorneys' fees.

The Ninth Circuit (Sneed, Alarcon, and Leavy) has now reversed. The court declined to address our argument that there was simply no contempt under ordinary standards, instead focusing on our argument that the \$100 per day sanctions were barred because there was no waiver of sovereign immunity. The court held that monetary contempt sanctions are barred unless there is an express waiver of immunity, declining to apply earlier cases in which other panels had sanctioned the United States under several of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The court also ruled alternatively that the \$100 per day sanction was an abuse of discretion in light of the character of the conduct, and that the additional fee award must fall within the sanction award. Without any explanation, however, the court affirmed the award of about \$40 in interest.

Barry v. Bowen, No. 88-15039 (9th Cir.  
Aug. 31, 1989). DJ # 137-11-1069

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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISIONTenth Circuit Affirms Convictions For Violations Of  
18 U.S.C. 245(b)(2)(C) In Submachine Gun Slaying Of  
Denver Radio Talk Show Host Alan Berg

On August 25, 1989, the Tenth Circuit affirmed the convictions of David Lane and Bruce Pierce, members of the racist terrorist group known as "The Order," for killing Denver radio talk show host Alan Berg with a submachine gun as he got out of his car in front of his home in Denver. Both were convicted of conspiracy and violation of 18 U.S.C. 245, which prohibits injuring, intimidating, or interfering with any person because of race, color, religion or national origin, and because that person is or has been "applying for or enjoying employment, or any prerequisite thereof, by any private employer."

Lane and Pierce were convicted (two codefendants were acquitted) for killing Berg because he was Jewish and because of his employment as a talk show host. The Order was a virulently anti-Semitic group that, among other terrorist acts, formulated a plan to kill prominent Jews, particularly those in the media. Berg was their first such victim.

The Tenth Circuit held that Congress had power pursuant to the Commerce Clause to reach private conduct through enactment of Section 245(b)(2)(C). It held that Congress had explicitly and properly relied on the extensive evidence presented to it prior to passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (four years before passage of 18 U.S.C. 245(b)(2)(C)) establishing that racial discrimination burdens interstate commerce. Those findings were adequate, since Section 245(b)(2)(C) was enacted, in part, to protect individuals in the exercise of rights guaranteed by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Court also rejected challenges based on the sufficiency of the evidence, prosecutorial comment on Lane's post-arrest silence, the denial of severance, Bruton, and the Double Jeopardy Clause (both had previously been convicted of violating RICO, in part by shooting Berg). The decision affirms that Congress validly prohibited private interference with private employment through enactment of 18 U.S.C. 245(b)(2)(C) pursuant to the Commerce Clause.

United States v. Lane, No. 87-2774 (10th Cir., August 25, 1989) and United States v. Pierce, No. 87-2805 (10th Cir., August 25, 1989).

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LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISIONDismissal Of Action To Compel The Department Of Interior  
To Approve Bingo Management Tract With Tribe Affirmed On  
Ground Of Tribal Sovereign Immunity

Since 1984, Enterprise Management and the Citizen Band Potowatomi Indian Tribe have had a running dispute over a bingo game operation on tribal land. A written contract they signed named Enterprise as the manager of the bingo operation, but the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Interior for Indian Affairs refused to approve the contract. Under 25 U.S.C. §81, such contracts are null and void unless such federal approval is obtained. Enterprise then sued the tribe and the Department of Interior, contending that 25 U.S.C. §81 did not apply to the bingo management contract, that the Department of Interior's disapproval was an abuse of discretion, and that the government and the tribe were estopped from treating the contract as void. The district court dismissed the action (685 F. Supp. 221). The Tenth Circuit unanimously affirmed the dismissal but on alternative grounds.

The Tenth Circuit agreed that the dismissal of the suit against the tribe was properly based upon tribal sovereign immunity. However, it affirmed the dismissal against the Department of Interior on other grounds, namely, that the tribe, now out of the case, was an indispensable party to any adjudication of the bingo contract's validity. (The district court's dismissal of the suit against Interior had been based on Enterprise's lack of standing under 25 U.S.C. §81 to protest Interior's disapproval of the contract, and on unreviewable discretion which the statute vested in federal officials.) The tribe cross-appealed from the district court's refusal to impose sanctions against Enterprise or its attorneys under Rule 11, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for suing it in violation of its clear sovereign immunity. The tribe also requested sanctions for Enterprise's "frivolous appeal." Over one dissent, the court of appeals affirmed the district court's refusal of sanctions and refused to impose additional sanctions because of Enterprise's appeal. The dissenter, Judge Seymour, was also author of the court's opinion; her dissent was set forth in a footnote.

Enterprise Management Consultants, Inc. v.  
United States ex rel. Hodel, et al, 10th Cir.  
Nos. 88-2151, 88-2231 (Aug. 28, 1989)  
DJ # 90-2-4-1225 (Logan, McWilliams, Seymour)

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Two Chemical Companies Held Jointly And Severally  
Liable For Clean-Up Costs Of State Of Rhode Island  
At Illegal Waste Dump

The First Circuit affirmed the district court in holding two large chemical companies jointly and severally liable for the clean-up costs of the State of Rhode Island at an illegal waste dump. We filed an amicus curiae brief in support of the state. The court rejected the de minimis defense to joint and several liability, explicitly finding that the government did not have to show that the defendant was a "substantial" contributor to the harm. The court also emphatically placed the burden on the defendant generators to demonstrate that the harm was divisible. On the other hand, the court did not like our argument that the harm that must be shown to be divisible is the environmental contamination of the site, rather than the response costs incurred. As it noted, this would always result in joint and several liability except in rare circumstances. In the end, the court did not rule on the harm issue, because it found that the defendants did not sustain their burden on demonstrating the divisibility of the response costs. In the court's view, in order to show that the response costs were divisible, the defendants had the burden of showing exactly how much of their waste reached the site and how much their particular barrels cost to remove. Because each of the defendants had a large waste stream, and no records were available for the site, the defendants could not make this showing. The court ruled that they, rather than the government, should bear the cost of uncertainty.

The court also issued a one sentence per curiam affirming the district court's order entering a substantial cash settlement between EPA and the State and the Capuano family who had been transporters at the site. The companies who were held liable challenged the settlement as insufficient.

O'Neil v. Picillo, 1st Cir. No. 88-1551  
(Aug. 21, 1989). DJ No. 9-7-1-318

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EPA's Settlement Of Administrative Proceeding To Cancel  
FIFRA Registrations For Herbicide Dinoseb Sustained

In this unanimous decision, the Ninth Circuit has rejected a variety of challenges to EPA's settlement of administrative proceedings to cancel FIFRA registrations for dinoseb, a herbicide. The controversy began when EPA issued an emergency suspension of dinoseb registrations prohibiting all use immediately. That suspension was set aside by the Ninth Circuit in Love v. Thomas, 858 F.2d §1347 (1988), cert. denied, 109 S.Ct. §1932 (1989), at the behest of a group of users of the pesticide, growers of vegetable and fruit crops in the Pacific Northwest. In the contemporaneous cancellation proceedings, EPA and the last two registrants who manufactured and distributed the pesticide reached an agreement, prior to any evidentiary hearing, that the remaining registrations would be cancelled and that some of the existing stocks could be used on certain crops in the Pacific Northwest in the 1988 and 1989 growing seasons. The Administrator approved the settlement, rejecting objections by the users who advocated continued registration, and by environmental groups who opposed any further use of existing stocks.

Both groups of opponents challenged the Administrator's decision in both the district court and the court of appeals. The district court sustained the Administrator and an appeal and cross-appeal were taken and consolidated with pending petitions for review. In this decision, the court first determined that it had exclusive jurisdiction of the controversy. Although U.S.C. §136n(b) vests jurisdiction in the court of appeals over FIFRA orders "issued \* \* \* following a public hearing," the panel held that prerequisite is satisfied by public proceedings in which interested parties may present their views and by which a record sufficient for judicial review is created. The cancellation order met this test even though no evidentiary hearing was held. The existing stocks order, however, was not publicly noticed, but the panel asserted "ancillary" jurisdiction because bifurcated review would have frustrated the legislative goal of efficient judicial review.

On the merits, the panel followed the Fifth Circuit's decision in McGill v. EPA, 593 F.2d §631 (1979), and held that once the agency and the registrants agreed on cancellation, nonregistrant users, such as the growers, had no right to force EPA to adjudicate whether the pesticide continued to qualify for registration. As to existing stocks, the panel found substantial evidence to support the crop and time limitations imposed by the Administrator. Finally, the panel rejected the environmentalists'

contention that no use at all of existing stocks should have been permitted. Rather, the court found it reasonable for EPA to account for the economic disruption of an immediate ban and to accept a definitive settlement rather than risk even greater dinoseb use because of probable delays in administrative and judicial litigation.

Northwest Food Processors Association v.  
Reilly, 9th Cir. Nos. 88-4339, 88-4389  
(Sept. 27, 1989) DJ NO. 1-756

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Injunction Stopping Sales And Harvest Of Old Growth  
Timber In Western Oregon, The Habitat Of The Northern  
Spotted Owl, Vacated

Audubon sued to stop further sales and harvests of old growth timber from land in Western Oregon managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), alleging that old growth is the necessary habitat of the Northern Spotted Owl, which will face extinction unless the destruction of its habitat is halted. Audubon relied on four statutory causes of action--National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Oregon and California Lands Act governing these BLM lands, the Federal Land Management Policy Act (FLMPA), and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. No Endangered Species Act (ESA) count was included, because the owl is not yet listed under the ESA.

The district court dismissed Audubon's three non-NEPA claims on laches grounds as attacks on BLM's plans adopted four to eight years earlier. The court also dismissed Audubon's NEPA claim for a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the "new information" about the spotted owl, relying upon Section 314 of the Department of Interior's appropriations law, 102 Stat. 1825, which contains language intended to bar judicial review of challenges to current BLM and Forest Service management plans until the agencies have put new plans into effect. The trial court found that this NEPA claim fit precisely within Section 314's preclusion of review, following the Ninth Circuit's earlier mandate in PAS v. Hodel, 866 F.2d 302 (Jan. 1989).

On appeal, Audubon again got an injunction pending appeal from the Ninth Circuit, stopping all sales of old growth within 2.1 radius circles of known owl sites and effectively curtailing BLM's planned harvest level by 30 percent. The court expedited briefing and rendered its decision 20 days after argument. The court of appeals affirmed dismissal of the NEPA claim, holding that Section 314 does apply because the claim is neither a case-by-case nor a site-specific challenge to a particular timber sale, and thus does not qualify for Section 314's allowance for suits challenging "particular activities" rather than BLM's plans themselves. However, the court reversed the laches dismissal of the non-NEPA claims, applying the Ninth Circuit's well-settled reluctance to allow the laches defense against environmental plaintiffs challenging governmental actions. Neither Audubon's lack of diligence nor the government's prejudice from Audubon's delay were found sufficient on this record to sustain application of laches. The court lifted its injunction effective immediately.

Portland Audubon Society v. Lujan, 9th Cir.  
No. 89-35337 (Sept. 6, 1989). Goodwin,  
Pregerson, Schroeder) DJ # 90-1-4-3250

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Initiating Injury Claims Under The Office Of Workers' Compensation Programs

The Office Of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), United States Department Of Labor, administers the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). FECA is a workers' compensation law that provides compensation benefits to civilian employees of the United States for disabilities due to employment-related disease or personal injury sustained while in performance of duty. The Act also provides for the payment of benefits to dependents if an employment-related injury or disease causes an employee's death. Benefits cannot be paid if the injury or death is caused by the willful misconduct of the employee or by intention to bring about the injury or death of oneself or another, or if intoxication is the proximate cause of the injury or death.

The following procedures and forms should be used by employees and their supervisors to initiate claims:

1. All injuries should be reported to the supervisor, because an injury that appears to be minor may develop into a more serious condition. Also, as a precautionary measure, the employee should obtain first aid or medical treatment. In most cases, minor injuries will heal without treatment, but a few result in serious prolonged disability that could have been prevented had the employee received treatment when the injury occurred. One type of injury is a "traumatic injury." It is defined as a wound or other condition caused by external forces, including physical stress and strain. The injury should be identifiable as to time and place of occurrence and a member or function of the body affected. It must be caused by a specific event or incident or series of events or incidents within a single work shift. It is this last criterion which distinguishes a traumatic injury from an occupational disease. A traumatic injury is to be reported to the supervisor on Form CA-1, **Federal Employee's Notice of Traumatic Injury and Claim for Continuation of Pay/Compensation** **within two working days** of the injury. The supervisor should forward the form to the OWCP within two working days following receipt of the form from the employee. The CA-1 serves as a report to OWCP when: 1) the employee has sustained a traumatic injury which is likely to result in a medical charge against the

compensation fund; 2) the employee loses time from work on any day following the injury date, whether the time is charged to leave or to continuation of pay; 3) disability for work may subsequently occur; 4) permanent impairment appears likely; or 5) serious disfigurement of the face, head, or neck is likely to result. Because of an employment-related traumatic injury, an employee may be eligible for Continuation of Pay (COP), which is an employee's regular pay by the employing agency with no charge to sick or annual leave. It is only given for a maximum of 45 calendar days, and is intended to eliminate interruption of the employee's income while the OWCP is processing the claim. It is necessary that the Administrative Officer and/or Personnel Officer notify timekeepers when an employee is on COP because of its impact on the employee's sick and annual leave balances. Prior to directing a timekeeper to show an employee on COP, supervisors should familiarize themselves with Chapter 810, Subchapters 3 and 4, Federal Personnel Manual.

A second type of injury is referred to as an "occupational disease." An occupational disease is defined as a condition produced by systemic infections, continued or repeated stress or strain, exposure to toxins, fumes, noise, etc. in the work environment over a longer period of time and must be caused by exposure or activities on at least two working days or shifts. Should this type of injury occur, a report is to be submitted to the supervisor on Form CA-2, Federal Employee's Notice of Occupational Disease and Claim for Compensation within 30 days of the occurrence. Upon receipt of the form, the supervisor will forward to OWCP.

Finally, a new category of injuries has been added to the OWCP called "first aid injuries." Examination and treatment for an injury under this group is provided by the employing agency, either at their medical facilities or through contracts with local providers. Examples of first aid injuries which are to be reported to OWCP on Form CA-1 are: 1) an employee is examined or treated on one or more visits during work hours beyond the date of injury, and no leave or continuation of pay is charged to the employee and no medical expense is incurred; 2) an employee receives medical attention on two or more visits to a medical facility during non-duty hours beyond the date of injury, no leave or continuation of pay is charged, and no medical expense is incurred; and 3) any injury meeting the definition of a first aid injury. Any first aid injury should be reported on CA-1. District personnel should write "First Aid Injury" in the upper right hand corner of the supervisor's portion of Form CA-1.

2. The supervisor should authorize medical examination and/or treatment for up to 60 days using Form CA-16, Authorization for Examination and/or Treatment. The CA-16 should be issued to the employee with 48 hours after receiving a request for medical

treatment. It serves as the initial medical report to the OWCP and is valid for 60 days from the date of issue unless otherwise terminated by the OWCP. However, an employee may seek medical treatment prior to the issuance of a CA-16. The CA-1 or CA-02 should be submitted to the supervisor by the employee or someone acting on his/her behalf prior to the submission of the CA-16. If the employee requests continuation of pay, the CA-1 should be submitted within 30 days of the injury. Continuation of pay is authorized for traumatic injury only.

3. If the employee is unable to return to work because of disability, the employee, or someone acting on his/her behalf, should submit a Form CA-7, Claim for Compensation on Account of Traumatic Injury or Occupational Disease. This form should be submitted 10 days prior to the termination of the 45 days of continuation of pay. If the employee is unable to return to work due to disability caused by an occupational disease or illness, he/she should submit a Form CA-7. If the employee is in a without pay status or expects to lose wages because of the inability to work, the employee may claim compensation by filing the CA-7 as soon as it is evident that he/she will enter a without pay status. Once the physician certifies that the employee is able to return to work, he/she is obligated to do so.

4. Form OWCP-1500a, Health Insurance Claim Form, is the billing form physicians must use to submit bills to the OWCP. The employee should receive a copy of this form along with Form CA-16 for his/her records.

5. All original forms must be submitted to the appropriate office of the OWCP, which is based upon the geographical location of the district office. Failure to follow reporting requirements could result in a claim not being processed or unnecessary delay in its processing. Only copies of the CA-1, Federal Employee's Notice of Traumatic Inquiry and Claim for Continuation of Pay/ Compensation; CA-2, Notice of Occupational Disease and Claim for Compensation; CA-6, Official Superior's Report of Employee's Death; and CA-17, Duty Status Report, are to be forwarded to the Executive for United States Attorneys, Labor and Employee Relations Branch.

You may contact your Administrative Officer and/or Personnel Officer in your District for additional guidance on initiating claims. The Executive Office for United States Attorneys has published detailed procedures in Personnel Management Staff Issuance ER-3A, Worker's Compensation Benefits.

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**APPENDIX****CUMULATIVE LIST OF CHANGING FEDERAL CIVIL  
POSTJUDGMENT INTEREST RATES**

(As provided for in the amendment to the Federal postjudgment interest statute, 28 U.S.C. §1961, effective October 1, 1982.)

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Annual Rate</u>
10-21-88	8.15%
11-18-88	8.55%
12-16-88	9.20%
01-13-89	9.16%
02-15-89	9.32%
03-10-89	9.43%
04-07-89	9.51%
05-05-89	9.15%
06-02-89	8.85%
06-30-89	8.16%
07-28-89	7.75%
08-25-89	8.27%
09-22-89	8.19%

Note: For a cumulative list of Federal civil postjudgment interest rates effective October 1, 1982 through December 19, 1985, see Vol. 34, No. 1, p. 25, of the United States Attorney's Bulletin, dated January 16, 1986. For a cumulative list of Federal civil postjudgment interest rates from January 17, 1986 to September 23, 1988, see Vol. 37, No. 2, p. 65, of the United States Attorneys Bulletin, dated February 15, 1989.

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# Guideline Sentencing Update



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## Guidelines Application

### DETERMINING OFFENSE LEVEL

When facts stipulated in plea agreement establish more serious offense than offense of conviction, court should apply guideline most applicable to stipulated offense. Defendant pleaded guilty to two counts of using a telephone to facilitate a narcotics offense, but as part of the plea agreement stipulated to facts that established the more serious offense of conspiracy to possess marijuana with intent to distribute. In light of the stipulation and other factors, the district court departed from the guideline range to impose consecutive 48-month terms, the statutory maximum for the two counts of conviction.

The Fifth Circuit affirmed, because the district court imposed an appropriate sentence even though it did not follow the proper procedure. Instead of departing, the district court should have used guideline § 1B1.2(a), which provides that "in the case of conviction by a plea of guilty . . . containing a stipulation that specifically establishes a more serious offense than the offense of conviction, the court shall apply the guideline in such chapter most applicable to the stipulated offense." The appellate court determined that after the sentence for the stipulated offense is calculated, a district court "must formally implement that sentence in terms of the actual convicted offense. . . . If the guideline sentence for the stipulated offense exceeds the maximum statutory sentence for the actual convicted offense, . . . 'the statutory maximum shall be the guideline sentence.'" (Quoting guideline § 5G1.1(a).) "For multiple-count convictions, the guidelines direct the court to order consecutive sentences so that the aggregate sentence equals the guideline sentence for the more serious stipulated offense." Guideline § 5G1.2(d).

In this case, the statutory maximum for each count of conviction was 48 months. The appellate court found that, depending on whether a two-level reduction for acceptance of responsibility was granted, defendant's guideline sentence for the stipulated offense would be 78–97 months or a minimum of 97 months. Thus, the 96-month term imposed by the district court fell within the appropriate sentencing range, and the appellate court affirmed: "[T]he district court's failure to articulate its sentence in this manner did not affect any substantial right of the defendant because the sentence imposed . . . was permissible under a correct application of the guidelines."

*U.S. v. Garza*, No. 89-1078 (5th Cir. Sept. 7, 1989) (Clark, C.J.).

### Other Recent Cases:

*U.S. v. Allen*, No. 88-5340 (8th Cir. Sept. 12, 1989) (Arnold, J.) (quantities of cocaine distributed before Nov. 1, 1989, but not included in count of conviction, may be considered in determining base offense level pursuant to guideline § 1B1.3(a)(2)).

*U.S. v. Tharp*, No. 88-1829 (8th Cir. Sept. 12, 1989) (Arnold, J.) (holding that "Guidelines are properly applied to a conspiracy begun before their effective date and ending after it"). *Accord U.S. v. White*, 869 F.2d 822, 826 (5th Cir.) (per curiam), cert. denied, 109 S. Ct. 3172 (1989). *But see U.S. v. Davis, infra*.

*U.S. v. Sciarrino*, No. 89-5243 (3d Cir. Sept. 1, 1989) (Gibbons, C.J.) (use of reliable hearsay evidence "in making findings for purposes of guideline sentencing" does not violate due process; before the Guidelines "the use of hearsay in the sentencing stage of a criminal proceeding was permissible," and "the enactment of the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984 requires no different rules with respect to what evidence may be used in determining a sentence than were already in place").

*U.S. v. Baker*, No. 88-1833 (5th Cir. Aug. 25, 1989) (per curiam) (Guidelines' method of using drug quantity, rather than purity, to set base offense level not improper; also, court may consider drug purity when deciding where to sentence within guideline range).

*U.S. v. Daly*, No. 88-5672 (4th Cir. Aug. 24, 1989) (Phillips, J.) (gross weight of "carrier mediums" plus LSD, not just weight of the drug, should be used to calculate base offense level). *Accord U.S. v. Taylor*, 868 F.2d 125 (5th Cir. 1989).

*U.S. v. Stern*, No. 89-3070 (6th Cir. Aug. 24, 1989) (per curiam) (sentencing court not bound by government's "concession" in plea agreement that defendant was "minor participant," or by government's recommendation that defendant be sentenced at lower end of guideline range).

*U.S. v. Davis*, No. 87 CR 853 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 25, 1989) (Griesa, J.) (under the specific circumstances of this case, where "the great bulk of the criminal activity" in multi-year drug conspiracy count occurred before effective date of Guidelines, "it is inappropriate to apply the Sentencing Guidelines" to that count).

**DEPARTURES**

Ninth Circuit vacates upward departure because district court relied in part on improper factors. Defendant pleaded guilty to transporting illegal aliens and was sentenced to a 24-month term, eight months above the guideline maximum. The district court departed from the guideline range on the basis of a high-speed chase preceding arrest, defendant's criminal record, and obstruction of justice by using an alias.

The appellate court found that the high-speed chase was an improper ground for departure because defendant "was not the driver and there is no evidence on the record before us that he was responsible for this chase." The court also held that criminal history is a proper ground "only in limited circumstances where the defendant's record is 'significantly more serious' than that of other defendants in the same category." (Quoting guideline policy statement § 4A1.3.) There was no evidence that was the case here.

The court held that obstruction of justice by use of an alias was a proper ground for departure, but that when "a court relies on both proper and improper factors, the sentence must be vacated and the case remanded." The court added that it saw "no justification for enhancing [defendant's] guideline sentence by a period of more than 3 months on account of using an alias in the district court proceedings," and instructed the district court to "impose such an amended sentence upon remand."

*U.S. v. Hernandez-Vasquez*, No. 88-5236 (9th Cir. Sept. 13, 1989) (per curiam).

Sixth Circuit affirms departure above category VI based on inadequacy of criminal history calculation. Defendant pleaded guilty to two drug counts and to being a felon in possession of a firearm. His guideline range was 57-71 months, based on an offense level of 18 and criminal history category VI. The district court departed to impose a 120-month sentence, finding that even category VI inadequately represented defendant's criminal history.

The sentencing court found that "defendant's violent, dangerous criminal history and the lenient treatment from the incarceration standpoint that defendant received" for his prior convictions justified a departure above criminal history category VI, see guideline policy statement § 4A1.3. In addition, defendant's "record of violating probationary requirements and continuing in his violent behavior against victims, women in particular, indicates the failure of prior punitive and rehabilitative measures," demonstrates that he is a threat to the public welfare and safety, and justifies departure under guideline policy statement § 5K2.14.

The appellate court affirmed, holding that "[c]learly, this defendant's criminal history was sufficiently unusual to justify, factually and legally, the district court's upward departure." The court also held that the sentence of 120 months "was reasonable and appropriate, considering all of the circumstances."

*U.S. v. Joan*, No. 88-3857 (6th Cir. Aug. 25, 1989) (Gilmore, J.).

**Other Recent Cases:**

*U.S. v. Colon*, No. 89-1141 (2d Cir. Sept. 6, 1989) (Winter, J.) (holding that "the discretionary failure to depart downward is not appealable" and dismissing case). See also *U.S. v. Fossett*, No. 88-3904 (11th Cir. Aug. 7, 1989) ("Sentencing Reform Act prohibits a defendant from appealing a sentencing judge's refusal to make a downward departure from the guideline sentencing range").

*U.S. v. Lopez-Escobar*, No. 88-6157 (5th Cir. Sept. 6, 1989) (Higginbotham, J.) (affirming upward departure from guideline maximum of 24 months to statutory maximum of five years, based on large number of aliens in illegal immigration offense).

*U.S. v. Kinnard*, No. 88-6437 (6th Cir. Aug. 31, 1989) (per curiam) (affirming upward departure to 90 months from range of 63-78 months based on high purity of cocaine, see commentary to guideline § 2D1.1).

*U.S. v. Sharp*, No. 88-5186 (9th Cir. Aug. 29, 1989) (per curiam) (mitigating circumstances sufficient to warrant departure below minimum guideline sentence may not be used to justify sentence below minimum established by Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986).

*U.S. v. Edwards*, No. 88-4190 (6th Cir. Aug. 21, 1989) (per curiam) (upward departure not warranted by district court's "unproven suspicion" that defendant was part of a larger fraud scheme, and that more money was involved in offense than was reflected in guideline computation; nor is departure warranted by defendant's refusal to assist authorities in identifying other persons involved in alleged scheme, see guideline policy statement § 5K1.2).

*U.S. v. Concepcion*, No. 88 CR. 0607 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 17, 1989) (Sweet, J.) (Departure was warranted "in view of the unusual circumstances presented by a re-sentencing [under the Guidelines] that follows upon a defendant's satisfactory completion of a prison term" imposed by a court that had held the Guidelines unconstitutional. A fine of \$2,000 was imposed, in lieu of additional prison time called for under the Guidelines, in light of defendant's success during probation: "The availability of such post-incarceration information in the context of re-sentencing is a circumstance of a kind unanticipated by the Sentencing Commission.").

**Sentencing Procedure**

*U.S. v. Restrepo*, No. 88-3208 (9th Cir. Sept. 12, 1989) (Wright, Sr. J.) (no due process violation to put burden on defendant to prove that firearm was not connected with drug offense so as to avoid weapons enhancement under guideline § 2D1.1(b)(1)). Accord *U.S. v. McGhee*, No. 88-5878 (6th Cir. Aug. 18, 1989) (2 GSU #12).

*U.S. v. Davenport*, No. 88-3661 (4th Cir. Aug. 28, 1989) (Chapman, J.) (defendant, not the government, has the burden of proof when challenging the constitutionality of prior conviction used to enhance present Guideline sentence).

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## Guidelines Application

### DETERMINING OFFENSE LEVEL

D.C. Circuit holds district courts have discretion to review circumstances of prior convictions that may place defendant in career offender status. Defendant claimed he was improperly designated a career offender under the Guidelines because one of the two prior convictions required for that status was not a "crime of violence" in Illinois, the state where he was convicted. The offense, robbery, is listed as a crime of violence in the Commentary to guideline § 4B1.2, Application Note 1. The sentencing judge "apparently believed that he did not have discretion to review the facts" of that offense and sentenced defendant as a career offender.

The appellate court remanded for resentencing, holding that a sentencing court "retains discretion to examine the facts of a predicate crime to determine whether it was a crime of violence notwithstanding the Commentary to the guidelines' predetermined list of crimes which it considers to be crimes of violence." In this case, classifying defendant "as a career offender based on statutory characterizations of his previous crimes may be improper if an analysis of the facts demonstrates that they were not in fact crimes of violence....[I]t may be appropriate, as provided by the guidelines, for a district judge to depart from the guidelines' statutory definition of a particular crime depending on the facts of the case."

*U.S. v. Baskin*, No. 88-3102 (D.C. Cir. Sept. 22, 1989) (Will, Sr. D.J.).

### Other Recent Cases:

*U.S. v. Darud*, No. 89-5050 (8th Cir. Sept. 28, 1989) (per curiam) (under guideline § 5G1.3, sentence for guideline offense that also served as basis for parole revocation on earlier offense must be served consecutively to the prior unexpired sentence; revocation of parole and resulting reincarceration on earlier offense did not "arise out of the same transactions or occurrences" as the present offense so as to warrant concurrent sentences under § 5G1.3).

*U.S. v. Smith*, No. 88-6115 (6th Cir. Sept. 28, 1989) (Ryan, J.), *rev'g U.S. v. Smith*, No. 87-20219-4 (W.D. Tenn. Aug. 26, 1988) (1 GSU #15) (in determining sentencing range for drug offense committed before Jan. 15, 1988 amendments to Guidelines, district court erred in refusing to consider drug quantities charged in a count dismissed under plea bargain).

*U.S. v. Boyd*, No. 88-2632 (5th Cir. Sept. 27, 1989) (per curiam) (defendant "cannot base a challenge to his sentence solely on the lesser sentence given . . . to his codefendant").

### DEPARTURES

Eleventh Circuit holds departure may be based on quantity of drugs in simple possession offense and on role in offense that fell short of guideline § 3B1.1 definition. Defendant was indicted for conspiracy to distribute cocaine, but pled guilty to simple possession of cocaine. Her guideline sentencing range was 0-4 months. The sentencing court imposed an 11-month sentence, finding that the amount of cocaine in defendant's possession and her role in the offense were not adequately accounted for in the guideline computation and warranted an upward departure.

The appellate court held that "the district court did not err in considering the amount of narcotics possessed by appellant in deciding whether to depart from the guideline sentencing range." The court agreed with the reasoning in *U.S. v. Ryan*, 866 F.2d 604 (3d Cir. 1989), which held that the Guidelines' listing of quantity as a specific offense characteristic for some drug offenses, but not for simple possession, does not preclude courts from using quantity to determine whether departure was warranted in a drug possession case. See also *U.S. v. Correa-Vargas*, 860 F.2d 35 (2d Cir. 1988); guideline policy statement § 5K2.0.

The court also held that the sentencing court was not "precluded from considering a defendant's role in the offense merely because her action did not rise to the level of an aggravating role, as defined by guideline 3B1.1." The court agreed with the Fifth Circuit that "[s]entencing under the guidelines is not . . . an exact science" and that the "guidelines are not intended to cover all contingencies or rigidly bind district judges." (Quoting *U.S. v. Mejia-Orosco*, 867 F.2d 216 (5th Cir.), cert. denied, 109 S. Ct. 3257 (1989).)

*U.S. v. Crawford*, No. 88-3993 (11th Cir. Sept. 15, 1989) (Tjoflat, J.).

### Other Recent Cases:

*U.S. v. Anderson*, No. 89-1203 (8th Cir. Sept. 29, 1989) (per curiam) (vacating departure from criminal history category IV to VI because district court "failed to compare [defendant's] history to that of 'most defendants with a [c]ategory [VI] criminal history'" pursuant to guideline policy statement § 4A1.3, "the procedure required for departure").

*U.S. v. Jackson*, No. 88-8470 (11th Cir. Sept. 15, 1989) (per curiam) (affirming upward departure in criminal history from category III to IV because criminal history score did not reflect seriousness of defendant's criminal past—two prior armed robberies, committed separately but tried together, were counted as one offense under Guidelines).

## Sentencing Procedure

*U.S. v. Jackson*, No. 88-1686 (7th Cir. Sept. 25, 1989) (Kanne, J.) (holding there is "no sixth amendment right to assistance of counsel at a presentence interview conducted by a probation officer").

## Appellate Review

**First Circuit establishes policy of summary review for meritless appeals of guideline sentences.** Defendant set forth several claims of error on appeal of his guideline sentence, all of which the appellate court found "altogether meritless." Noting that the Sentencing Reform Act and the Guidelines will likely result in an increase in such appeals, partly because defendants have "little to lose by trying," the court set forth a policy of review for appeals of guideline sentences: "To the extent that such appeals raise valid questions, we will respond in kind. On the other hand, if a criminal defendant protests his innocence merely because he has time on his hands, and without any supportable basis in law or fact—as in this case—we will henceforth respond summarily. Sentencing appeals prosecuted without discernible rhyme or reason, in the tenuous hope that lightning may strike, ought not to be dignified with exegetic opinions, intricate factual synthesis, or full-dress explications of accepted legal principles. Assuredly, a criminal defendant deserves his day in court; but we see no purpose in wasting overtaxed judicial resources razing castles in the air."

*U.S. v. Ruiz-Garcia*, No. 89-1517 (1st Cir. Sept. 28, 1989) (Selya, J.).

## Constitutionality

**Tenth Circuit finds no double jeopardy violation in prosecuting defendant for crime that was previously used to enhance sentence for a different offense.** Defendant was indicted in Utah on drug and firearm charges. He had previously been convicted in South Dakota for a different drug offense, and his sentence for that crime was partly based on evidence of other alleged crimes, including the Utah offense. Defendant claimed that the Utah prosecution would violate double jeopardy and the Sentencing Guidelines because the conduct underlying the Utah offense had already been used to enhance his South Dakota sentence.

The appellate court held that "[t]he Double Jeopardy Clause's ban on multiple prosecutions for the same offense is not implicated here because defendant is not now facing a trial in Utah for the same offense for which he previously has been convicted in South Dakota. The Utah offense and the South Dakota offense are different." Furthermore, the South Dakota sentencing hearing did not constitute a prosecution for the Utah offense: "Although the South Dakota district court inquired into the Utah offense during the sentencing hearing and made findings concerning it, at no time was defendant in jeopardy for the Utah offense. Rather, defendant was only 'in jeopardy' of receiving a harsher sentence for the South Dakota offense than he otherwise would have received."

The court also found nothing in the Guidelines precluded a defendant's subsequent prosecution for a different offense.

*U.S. v. Koonce*, No. 89-4013 (10th Cir. Sept. 25, 1989) (Ebel, J.).

**District court holds "substantial assistance" provisions violate due process.** Evidence presented at the sentencing hearing established that defendant had cooperated with the government and provided important testimony at a codefendant's trial. The government did not move for a reduction of sentence under either 18 U.S.C. § 3553(e) or § 5K1.1 of the Guidelines. The court, however, ruled that defendant had provided "substantial assistance" within the meaning of the statute and guideline, reduced defendant's sentence below the statutory minimum and guideline range, and held the statutory and guideline provisions unconstitutional.

The court held that the provisions violate substantive due process because only the government may present evidence on this issue: "[W]here a statute like 18 U.S.C. § 3553(e) or a regulation like § 5K1.1 withholds from the defendant the right to present to the court an issue so intimately related to the appropriate length of sentence, then such a statute or regulation must be struck down as fundamentally unfair. . . . Either side must be able at least to raise the possibility of a downward departure for cooperation." The court also noted it could not raise the issue *sua sponte*, with the result that in cases like this "the provisions require the Court to ignore facts of which it already has knowledge and which are indisputably relevant."

In addition, the provisions violate procedural due process because the procedure "is tipped too far in favor of the Government" and is therefore "inherently unfair." The court recognized that "defendants have no inherent right to the availability of the 'substantial assistance' provision, but once that provision is made available to one party to the litigation, due process requires that it be made available to all parties." The provisions also violate due process by "den[y]ing to the Defendant an opportunity to contest the facts relied upon by the Government in deciding not to move for a departure. It also apparently offers a defendant no opportunity to challenge the decision."

At least two appellate courts have specifically upheld these provisions against due process challenges. See *U.S. v. Huerta*, 878 F.2d 89 (2d Cir. 1989); *U.S. v. Ayarza*, 874 F.2d 647 (9th Cir. 1989). Other courts have questioned or limited the requirement that no reduction in sentence may be granted absent a motion by the government. See, e.g., *U.S. v. Justice*, 877 F.2d 664 (8th Cir. 1989) (expressing concerns about requirement for motion by government); *U.S. v. White*, 869 F.2d 822 (5th Cir. 1989) (§ 5K1.1 "doesn't preclude a district court from entertaining a defendant's showing that the government is refusing to recognize such substantial assistance"); *U.S. v. Galan*, No. 89 Cr. 198 (S.D.N.Y. June 8, 1989) (where plea agreement states government will make § 5K1.1 or § 3553(e) motion if defendant cooperates, refusal to move for reduction must be made in good faith).

*U.S. v. Curran*, No. 88-10027-02 (C.D. Ill. Sept. 29, 1989) (Wilson, J.).

**OUTLINE OF 18 U.S.C. §1956(a)(1-3)**  
**THE MONEY LAUNDERING STATUTE**  
By Michael Zeldin, Director  
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**ELEMENTS**

1) **Knowing**

- (A) Actual Knowledge
- (B) Circumstantial Evidence
- (C) Willful Blindness

2) That the property involved in a financial transaction  
represents the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity

- (A) DEFINED in 1956(c)(1)

"person knew the property involved in the transaction represented proceeds of some form, though not necessarily which form, of activity that constitutes a felony under state or federal law, regardless of whether or not such activity is a S.U.A.

3) **Conducts or attempts to conduct**

- (A) DEFINED in 1956(c)(2)

(1) Includes initiating, concluding or participating or initiating or participating in concluding a transaction.

4) **A financial transaction**

- (A) DEFINED in 1956(c)(4)

(1) means a transaction involving:

[1] The movement of Funds by wire or other means

[2] One or more Monetary Instruments

[3] The use of a financial Institution

(2) All of which must affect Interstate or foreign commerce

(B) Transaction

DEFINED in 1956(C)(3)

[A] Two subparts:

(B) Generally:

purchase, sale, loan, gift.  
pledge, gift, transfer or  
other disposition

(C) As to Financial Institutions:

deposit, withdrawal, transfer  
between accounts, exchange of  
currency, loan, extension of  
credit, purchase or sale of any  
stock, bond, CD or other monetary  
investment, or any other payment,  
transfer or delivery by, through  
or a financial institution by  
whatever means effected.

(C) FUNDS

Undefined term. (It logically means  
electronic funds transfers. But it could  
arguably mean anything representing value  
which is not defined specifically as a  
monetary instrument (1956(c)(5))).

(D) Monetary Instrument

(1) DEFINED in 1956(c)(5)

(A) Coin or currency of the U.S. or  
any other country

\* (B) travellers checks, personal checks  
bank checks, money order in any  
form (need not be in bearer form).

(C) Investment securities, negotiable  
involvements which are in bearer  
form (or such form as title passes  
upon delivery).

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\*Because 1956(C)(5) is very unartfully drafted, is it DOJ  
interpretation that these monetary instruments need not be  
in bearer form.

(E) Affects Interstate or Foreign Commerce

(1) This is derived from the Hobbs Act, 18 USC § 1951. It is intended to reflect the full exercise of Congress' powers under the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution:  
See also 18 USC § 10.

5) Which in fact involves the proceeds of S.U.A.

(A) proceeds which are the subject of the financial transaction must in fact be derived from the specified unlawful activities listed in 1956(c) (7).

6) With the Intent to:

(1) Promote the carrying on of S.U.A.

(A) This comes from ITAR, 18 U.S.C. § 1952. Requires proof that the accused intended to promote or facilitate a general activity which he/she knows to be illegal. or;

(2) Conduct the transaction knowing (Intending) that it was designed in whole or part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership or control of the proceeds of S.U.A. or;

(3) Avoid (Evade) a transaction reporting requirement under state or federal law. or,

(4) Engage in conduct which constitutes tax evasion or tax fraud.

(A) This was passed on Nov. 18, 1988.

1956 (a)(2)

Elements

- (1) Whoever transports, transmits,\* transfers \* (or attempts)
  - (A) These are undefined terms
  - (B) DOJ has interpreted transports to include transfers and transmissions. (Nov. 18, 1988 change deemed to non-substantive. Rather, it just fleshed out that which was unstated but understood in the 1988 Act.
  - (C) Not limited to physical carrying of cash.
- (2) Monetary Instruments or Funds
  - (1) Monetary instruments defined in 1956 (c)(5)
  - (2) Funds is undefined. (Same analysis applicable to 1956(a)(1) applies
- (3) From a place outside the U.S. to a place inside the U.S.  
From a place inside of the U.S. to a place outside the U.S.
  - (1) Any form of international transportation including wire transfers, physical carry-out, mailings, special couriers, telex's, etc.
- (4) With the Intent to
  - (1) Promote the carrying on of SUA or;
  - (2) Conduct the transaction knowing that the monetary instruments or funds involved in the transportation represents the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity and knowing that such transportation is designed in whole or in part:
    - (A) to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership or the control of the proceeds of S.VA.

or
    - (B) to avoid a transaction reporting requirement under state or federal law.

NOTE: There is no tax intent under 1956(a)(2).

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\* Added to the statute on November 18, 1988.

1956 (a)(3)

Elements

(1) Conducts or Attempts to Conduct

- (A) Defined in 1956(c)(2)
- (B) Same as 1956(a)(1)

(2) A Financial Transaction

- (A) Defined in 1956(c)(4)
- (B) Same as 1956(a)(1)

(3) Involving property Represented by a law enforcement officer

- (A) Represented is defined within 1956(c)(3) to mean: "Any representation made by a law enforcement officer or by another person at the direction of, or with the approval of a Federal official authorized to investigate or prosecute violations of this section.

(4) To be proceeds of specified unlawful activity

- (A) Proceeds is undefined. Look to 21 U.S.C. § 881 for assistance

(5) or property used to conduct or facilitate specified unlawful activity

- (A) Conduct is defined in 1956(c)(2)
- (B) Facilitate is undefined. Look to 21 U.S.C. § 881 for assistance.

(6) With the Intent to:

- (A) promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity
  - (1) See 18 U.S.C. § 1952 case law
- (B) Conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership or control of property believed to be the proceeds of SUA

or;

- (C) to avoid (Evade) a transaction reporting requirement under state or Federal law.

NOTE: (1) This offense became effective November 18, 1989.

(2) There is no tax intent under 1956(a)(3).

MONEY LAUNDERING  
Title 31 Case List - CTR Cases  
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U.S. Supreme Court

California Bankers Assn. v. Schultz, 416 U.S. 21 (1974)

(Title I of Bank Secrecy Act (1) does not violate due process by imposing unreasonable burdens on banks or by making banks "agents" of the government, (2) does not violate 4th Amendment rights of banks or their customers because Title I records are not disclosed to government without separate process, (3) does not violate 5th Amendment privilege against self-incrimination as to banks or bank customers; Title II's foreign transaction reporting requirements do not violate 4th Amendment and are within the plenary power of Congress over interstate and foreign commerce; Title II's domestic reporting requirements, as implemented, do not violate 4th Amendment rights of bank)

Court of Appeals

U.S. v. Alamo Bank of Texas, No. 88-6112 (5th Cir. Aug. 7, 1989)

(successor bank criminally liable for CTR offenses committed by predecessor bank)

U.S. v. Bucey, 876 F.2d 1297 (7th Cir. 1989)

(defendant did not violate CTR statutes; defendant did not qualify as "financial institution"; defendant did not unlawfully fail to disclose identity of true source of funds on Parts I and II of CTR form; but evidence supported convictions for mail fraud and conspiracy)

U.S. v. Kingston, 875 F.2d 1091 (5th Cir. 1989), reh'q denied, 878 F.2d 815 (5th Cir. 1989)

(CTR offenses by bank employees; elements of proof; sufficiency of evidence; evidence that CTR violations committed in connection with violation of other federal law)

U.S. v. Rigdon, 874 F.2d 774 (11th Cir. 1989)

(individual defendant's exchanging currency for cashier's checks for fee qualified him as "financial institution", but did not involve "trick, scheme or device" to conceal transaction)

U.S. v. Jerkins, 871 F.2d 598 (6th Cir. 1989)

(§ 371 conspiracy; overt acts in conspiracy to avoid CTR requirement need not themselves be illegal; defendant attorney's laundering scheme aimed in part at thwarting IRS identification of revenue and collection of taxes subject to criminal conspiracy conviction)

U.S. v. Meros, 866 F.2d 1304 (11th Cir. 1989)

(where customer makes multiple cash transactions under \$10,000 at different branches of same bank on same day, he can be the proximate cause of a bank's failure to file a CTR, and thus liable under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and 2)

U.S. v. Reitano, 862 F.2d 982 (2nd Cir. 1988)

(defining term "gross revenue" in 18 U.S.C. § 1955; analogous to "gross receipts" language of pre-amendment 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(A))

Pilla v. U.S., 861 F.2d 1078 (8th Cir. 1988)

(defendant had duty to report acting in capacity as advisor to bank officer)

U.S. v. Camarena, No. 88-1314 (5th Cir. Dec. 6, 1988)

(unpublished decision)

(knowledge that "structuring" is illegal not required under § 5324; § 5324 is not vague; the word "structure" has no peculiar, exotic or legal meaning as used in this statute)

U.S. v. Zingaro, 858 F.2d 94 (2nd Cir. 1988)

(evidence was a constructive amendment of RICO conspiracy indictment in violation of grand jury clause of Fifth Amendment)

U.S. v. Ashley Transfer & Storage Co., 858 F.2d 221 (4th Cir. 1988), cert. denied, 109 S.Ct. 1932 (1989)

(counts charging defendants with conspiracy to fix prices and conspiracy to defraud U.S. were not multiplicitous)

U.S. v. Lizotte, 856 F.2d 341 (1st Cir. 1988)

(jury instruction on "willful blindness"; defendant attorney may not take refuge in willful blindness; drug money was willingly laundered)

U.S. v. Hawley, 855 F.2d 595 (8th Cir. 1988), cert. denied, 109 S.Ct. 1141 (1989), reh'g denied, 109 S.Ct. 1772 (1989)

(husband and wife team engaged in "warehouse banking" services constitutes "financial institution")

U.S. v. Pieper, 854 F.2d 1020 (7th Cir. 1988)

(kickbacks, false income tax returns and conducting affairs of employee benefit fund through pattern of racketeering activity resulted in conviction of RICO violation and counts were not multiplicitous)

U.S. v. Segal, 852 F.2d 1152 (9th Cir. 1988)

(liability of bank customer who conspired with bank officer to avoid filing CTRs; aiding and abetting a failure to file currency transaction reports; conspiracy to defraud)

U.S. v. Mastronardo, 849 F.2d 799 (3rd Cir. 1988)

(pre-1986 statutes and regulations did not afford "fair notice" to bank customer that "structuring" violates law; defendants engaged in a multimillion dollar bookmaking and money laundering operation were charged with structuring currency transactions to avoid having financial institutions file CTRs)

U.S. v. Cuevas, 847 F.2d 1417 (9th Cir. 1988), cert. denied, 109 S.Ct. 1122 (1989)

(money launderer conspired to aid and abet drug offense; extensive money laundering operation with several international offices constitutes a "financial institution"; transfers between branches and offices of operation subject to CTR requirement)

U.S. v. Risk, 843 F.2d 1059 (7th Cir. 1988)

(bank had no legal duty to report structured transactions since statute and regulations in existence at time did not require aggregation of multiple transactions)

U.S. v. Petit, 841 F.2d 1546 (11th Cir. 1988); cert. denied, 108 S.Ct. 2906 (1988)

("sting operation"; conspiracy to receive stolen goods; goods provided by FBI agent do not need to be stolen; crime of conspiracy is complete once the conspirators, having formed the intent to commit a crime, take any step in preparation)

U.S. v. Polychron, 841 F.2d 833 (8th Cir. 1988), cert. denied, 109 S.Ct. 135 (1988)

(indictment against bank president charged with intentionally structuring transactions in order to avoid filing CTRs' alleged crime against U.S. under 18 U.S.C. § 371; 18 U.S.C. § 1001; and 31 U.S.C. § 5313 and 18 U.S.C. § 2)

U.S. v. Shannon, 836 F.2d 1125 (8th Cir. 1988), cert. denied, 108 S.Ct. 2830 (1988)

(bank officer guilty of avoiding CTR requirement by causing personal funds to be deposited into bank's account at correspondent bank; sustaining obstruction of justice conviction based upon defendant's advice to former bank teller, who was prospective grand jury witness, that it would be "in her best interest" to forget about any large currency transactions which she had processed)

U.S. v. Lafaurie, 833 F.2d 1468 (11th Cir. 1987), cert. denied, 108 S.Ct. 2015 (1988)

("structured" transactions exceeding total of \$10,000 at same bank, or different branches of same bank, on same day; customers have duty to report cash transactions and could be held criminally liable for failure to file report)

U.S. v. Robinson, 832 F.2d 1165 (9th Cir. 1987)

(bank teller, who was acting as a private individual and was not charged with operating a currency exchange business, was not a financial institution within currency laws; no duty to file CTRs)

U.S. v. Gimbel III, 830 F.2d 621 (7th Cir. 1987)

(defendant, who was a lawyer, structured currency transactions, had no duty to file a CTR reflecting structured nature of transactions; regulation in effect at time did not require aggregation of multiple transactions; individual cannot be charged as a "financial institution")

U.S. v. Hayes, 827 F.2d 469 (9th Cir. 1987)

(bank customer conspired with bank officer to avoid CTR requirement; customer liable for conspiracy to fail to file CTRs on transactions exceeding \$10,000 on showing of complicity with bank vice president)

U.S. v. Abner, 825 F.2d 835 (5th Cir. 1987)

(a transaction over \$10,000, even if split between two or more branches of same bank, constitutes a transaction requiring a CTR)

U.S. v. Herron II, 825 F.2d 50 (5th Cir. 1987)

(defendants not guilty of wire fraud violation for conspiring and scheming to launder money by failing to file CTRs in absence of allegation that defendants conspired to deprive U.S. of income taxes; conspiracy to violate CMIR requirement upheld)

U.S. v. Richeson, 825 F.2d 17 (4th Cir. 1987)

(conviction under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and 2; defendant structured daily bank deposits so as to cause bank not to file required CTRs; CTR form required aggregation of transactions)

U.S. v. Nersesian, 824 F.2d 1294 (2d Cir. 1987), cert. denied, 108 S.Ct. 355 (1989)

(bank customer structuring transactions may be convicted under 18 U.S.C. § 371 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and 2 even though customer had no legal duty to file a CTR himself)

U.S. v. Bank of New England, 821 F.2d 844 (1st Cir. 1987), cert. denied, 108 S.Ct. 328 (1987)

(bank criminally liable; simultaneous transfer of over \$10,000, same teller window, multiple instruments; definition of "pattern of illegal activity")

U.S. v. Montalvo, 820 F.2d 686 (5th Cir. 1987)

(conviction under § 371; purpose of money laundering conspiracy through foreign corporation was to impede and obstruct the IRS in collection of revenue)

U.S. v. DiTommaso, 817 F.2d 201 (2d Cir. 1987)

(defendants were convicted of drug smuggling; some defendants participated in drug conspiracy by laundering money through multinational shoe business)

U.S. v. Herron, 816 F.2d 1036 (5th Cir. 1987), vacated, 825 F.2d 50 (1987)

(scheme designed to facilitate cash deposits in domestic banking system without triggering reporting requirements constituted violation of wire fraud statute)

U.S. v. Murphy, 809 F.2d 1427 (9th Cir. 1987)

(court held that the law did not clearly impose a duty on the defendant to disclose the source of the funds in Part II of CTR Form 4789)

U.S. v. Williams, 809 F.2d 1072 (5th Cir. 1987), cert. denied, 108 S.Ct. 228 (1987)

(RICO violations, conspiracy to evade currency transaction reporting requirements, conspiracy to file false tax returns)

U.S. v. Cure, 804 F.2d 625 (11th Cir. 1986)

(bank customer guilty under § 371 of conspiring with bank not to file CTRs; guilty under §§ 1001 and 2 of causing bank to fail to file CTRs; multiple subtransactions at same bank, or different branches of same bank, on same day)

U.S. v. Hernando Ospina, 798 F.2d 1570 (11th Cir. 1986)

(defendant providing money laundering service exchanged \$1.3 of Colombian pesos into cashier's checks for commission deemed "financial institution"; fact that undercover government agents conducted transactions did not negate bank's duty to file CTRs where agents acted at direction of defendants; conviction of conspiracy to violate Travel Act to facilitate narcotics trafficking upheld on basis of cocaine residue on currency)

U.S. v. Larson, 796 F.2d 244 (8th Cir. 1986)

(the Act imposed no duty to defendant to disclose to bank that his multiple currency transactions aggregated over \$10,000, thus defendant not guilty of concealing such information from government; statute and regulations failed to afford "fair notice" to defendants)

U.S. v. Heyman, 794 F.2d 788 (2d Cir. 1986), cert. denied, 479 U.S. 989 (1986)

(defendant employee of financial institution convicted of causing institution to fail to file CTRs, although defendant had no legal duty to file CTRs himself; liable under § 5313; conviction sustained)

U.S. v. Reinis, 794 F.2d 506 (9th Cir. 1986)

(bank customer had no duty to report, thus no concealment and could not aid or abet a bank's failure to report CTRs; no duty on banks to aggregate multiple transactions each under \$10,000)

U.S. v. Nahoom, 791 F.2d 841 (11th Cir. 1986)

(conviction of former AUSA for conspiracy to import and possess marijuana affirmed; evidence of defendant's involvement in money laundering scheme admissible on issue of intent; acquitted on RICO count)

U.S. v. Sanchez, 790 F.2d 1561 (11th Cir. 1986)

(bank officer guilty of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. by impeding investigation of large currency transactions of circumventing currency reporting requirements by referring customers to investment firm for purpose of avoiding CTR requirement)

U.S. v. Mouzin, 785 F.2d 682 (9th Cir. 1986), cert. denied, 479 U.S. 985 (1986)

(court held defendant qualified as "financial institution" as both "currency exchange" and "transmitter of funds" by virtue of role in transferring currency across the country and overseas)

U.S. v. Giancola, 783 F.2d 1549 (11th Cir. 1986), cert. denied, 479 U.S. 1018 (1986)

(same day, different branches of same bank; customer can be proximate cause of a bank's failure to file a CTR, and thus liable)

U.S. v. Dela Espriella, 781 F.2d 1432 (9th Cir. 1986)

(multiple subtransactions, each under \$10,000 and each at a different bank, do not trigger duty to file CTR; however, one defendant, a kingpin of an intricate money laundering operation who delivered cash in excess of \$10,000 to his couriers, qualified as a "financial institution" (i.e. a "currency exchange") with a duty to file CTRs)

U.S. v. Varbel, 780 F.2d 758 (9th Cir. 1986)

(defendants engaged in money laundering had no duty to report currency transactions to or through the bank; customer not liable under § 1001 & § 371 where each subtransaction conducted at different bank)

U.S. v. Denemark, 779 F.2d 1559 (11th Cir. 1986)

(no duty to file where each subtransaction at different bank)

U.S. v. Eirin, 778 F.2d 722 (11th Cir. 1986)

(money laundering case in which more than \$57,000,000 passed through one bank in a ten month period; no CTRs were filed; evidence of defendant's participation is similar money laundering scheme admissible)

U.S. v. Anzalone, 766 F.2d 676 (1st Cir. 1985)

(application of reporting requirements to financial institutions only, customer had no duty to disclose information and therefore not liable under § 5313 & § 1001; court treated case as involving multiple subtransactions each on different day)

U.S. v. Valdes-Guerra, 758 F.2d 1411 (11th Cir. 1985)

("Operation Greenback": conspiracy and money laundering scheme; each reporting violation is a separate felony and a separate unit of "pattern of illegal activity" over 12 months)

U.S. v. Goldberg, 756 F.2d 949 (2d Cir. 1985), cert. denied, 472 U.S. 1009 (1985)

(court held three defendants engaged in money laundering, including two bank officers, constituted a "financial institution", namely a partnership or joint venture engaged in business of dealing in currency)

U.S. v. So, 755 F.2d 1350 (9th Cir. 1985)

("sting operation; no evidence of entrapment or "outrageous government conduct"; individual currency misdemeanors aggregating to more than \$100,000 amount to separate felonies each time violation in a pattern adds to total exceeding \$100,000 over 12 month period)

U.S. v. Cook, 745 F.2d 1311 (10th Cir. 1984), cert. denied, 469 U.S. 1220 (1985)

(customer liable under the bank reporting law for giving false information on report rather than for failure to file a report)

U.S. v. Orozco-Prada, 732 F.2d 1076 (2d Cir. 1984)

(money laundering operation integral to success of drug scheme and money launderers may be prosecuted for aiding and abetting drug offense)

U.S. v. Eisenstein, 731 F.2d 1540 (11th Cir. 1984)

(ignorance of the reporting requirement constitutes a valid defense)

U.S. v. Sans, 731 F.2d 1521 (11th Cir. 1984), cert. denied, 469 U.S. 1111 (1984)

(bank officials; evidence of non-filing by other officials irrelevant; conspiracy to defraud; failure to file CTRs; falsifying facts in a matter under jurisdiction of IRS)

U.S. v. Puerto, 730 F.2d 627 (11th Cir. 1984), cert. denied, 469 U.S. 847 (1984)

(customer liable for failure to file and false filing of CTRs under § 5313, § 1001 & §371)

U.S. v. Browning, 723 F.2d 1544 (11th Cir. 1984)

(court affirmed conviction of participants in money laundering scheme of conspiring to defraud U.S. by impairing, obstructing, and defeating IRS in its lawful function of identifying revenue and collecting tax due and owing on such revenue)

U.S. v. Tobon-Builes, 706 F.2d 1092 (11th Cir. 1983)

(defendant and companion together bought two \$9,000 cashier's checks at each of ten banks during a six-hour period; actions by a customer that cause a financial institution to abrogate its duty to file a CTR are criminal under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and 2)

U.S. v. Kattan-Kassin, 696 F.2d 893 (11th Cir. 1983)

(use of "violation" and "part of" in § 1059 makes clear that each reporting violation can be separately prosecuted as felony and as separate unit of "pattern of illegal activity" over 12 month period)

U.S. v. Enstam, 622 F.2d 857 (5th Cir. 1980), cert. denied, 450 U.S. 912 (1981)

(defendants, who participated in money laundering scheme to disguise drug proceeds, are guilty of conspiracy to obstruct the IRS' tax collecting function and can be prosecuted for criminal conspiracy)

U.S. v. Thompson, 603 F.2d 1200 (5th Cir. 1979)

(actions by a bank officer that cause a financial institution to abrogate its duty to file a CTR are criminal)

U.S. v. Beusch, 596 F.2d 871 (9th Cir. 1979)

(corporate currency exchange guilty of failing to file CTRs; each reporting violation may be separate unit in "pattern of illegal activity" over 12 months and therefore prosecuted as felony)

District Court

U.S. v. Russell K. Baker, No. 89-83-Cr-T-15B (M.D. Fla. July 28, 1989)

(rejecting vagueness and overbreadth challenge to 18 U.S.C. § 1957)

U.S. v. Kimball, 711 F. Supp. 1031 (D. Nev. 1989)

(reporting requirements of §§ 5313 and 5324 do not violate Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination; 18 U.S.C. § 1956 not void for vagueness)

U.S. v. Palma, Crim. No. H-88-201 (S.D. Tex. May 19, 1989)

(Part II of CTR form requires naming of the individual or organization for whom transaction is completed)

U.S. v. Paris, 706 F. Supp. 184 (E.D.N.Y. 1988)

(subtransactions at different branches of same bank on same day; bank customers can be charged with conspiracy to avoid CTR reporting requirements and causing banks to fail to file CTRs)

U.S. v. Scanio, 705 F. Supp. 768 (W.D.N.Y. 1988)

(word "structure" in statute did not render statute unconstitutionally vague nor does statute violate 5th amendment)

U.S. v. Bara, Crim. No. H-87-9 (S.D. Tex. 1988) (unpublished decision)

(conspiracy to defraud the IRS; intentionally causing a financial institution to file a false CTR and falsifying material facts)

U.S. v. Central National Bank, 705 F. Supp. 336 (S.D. Tex. 1988)  
aff'd sub. nom. U.S. v. Alamo Bank of Texas, No. 88-6112 (5th Cir. Aug. 7, 1988)

(successor bank liable for predecessor's CTR violations which occurred three years prior to merger)

U.S. v. Torres Lebron, et al., 704 F. Supp. 332 (D.P.R. 1989)

(bank customers were not required to file CTRs, but could be held criminally liable for conspiring with bank employees to avoid filing of CTRs in multi-step transaction involving cash)

U.S. v. Kraselnick, 702 F. Supp. 480 (D.N.J. 1988)

(regulations afforded "fair notice" to bank employees that they could not structure transactions so as to avoid reporting requirements; conspiracy to defraud; three accounts, three day period)

U.S. v. Mainieri, 691 F. Supp. 1394 (S.D. Fla. 1988)

(18 U.S.C. § 1956 not void for vagueness; language in indictment clearly tracked statute and counts were not multiplicious in violation of 5th amendment)

U.S. Maria Dolores Camarena, No. EP-87-Cr-133 (W.D. Tex. Apr. 7, 1988) (unpublished decision), aff'd, No. 88-1314 (5th Cir. Dec. 6, 1988) (unpublished opinion), cert. denied, 109 S.Ct. 3158 (1989)

(§ 5324 not void for vagueness; money involved in CTR violation need not be criminally derived)

U.S. v. Bucey, 691 F. Supp. 1077 (N.D. Ill. 1988), aff'd in part and rev'd in part, 876 F.2d 1297 (7th Cir. 1986)

(defendant's motion to strike various charges in indictment of money laundering and violation of currency reporting statutes was denied)

U.S. v. Tota, 672 F. Supp. 716 (S.D.N.Y. 1987), aff'd, 847 F.2d 836 (2nd Cir. 1988), cert. denied, 109 S.Ct. 218 (1988)

(employees of brokerage firm criminally liable; physical transfer of currency from brokerage firm customer to broker on single occasion and in amount exceeding \$10,000 was in violation of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act)

U.S. v. Risk, 672 F. Supp. 346 (S.D. Ind. 1987)

(pre-1986 amendments; bank customer had no duty to report multiple subtransactions at different branches of same bank on same day, no duty to aggregate at time, therefore customer not liable)

U.S. v. Riky, 669 F. Supp. 196 (N.D. Ill. 1987)

(court held because defendant not an "agency", "branch", or "office" of a person, he was not a "financial institution" under 31 C.F.R. § 103.11(e))

U.S. v. Perlmutter, 656 F. Supp. 782 (S.D.N.Y. 1987), aff'd mem., 835 F.2d 1430 (2nd Cir. 1988), cert. denied, 108 S.Ct. 1110 (1988)

(second superseding indictment: individual attorney guilty of knowingly and intentionally causing a bank, by the device of splitting up a \$12,000 transaction into amounts less than \$10,000, to fail to file a CTR)

U.S. v. Shearson Lehman Brothers, Inc., 650 F. Supp. 490 (E.D. Pa. 1986) But See U.S. v. Mastronardo, 849 F.2d 799 (3rd Cir. 1988) (reversing convictions of individual defendants)

(denying motion to dismiss indictment; structuring financial transactions less than \$10,000 is not unlawful per se; scheme became criminal when used to intentionally cause financial institution to fail to fulfill duty to file CTR)

U.S. v. Bank of New England, 640 F. Supp. 36 (D. Mass. 1986)  
(bank can be charged with failure to file "structured" transaction even where customer had no duty under Anzalone; bank also properly charged under § 1001)

U.S. v. Cogswell, 637 F. Supp. 295 (N.D. Cal. 1985)  
(indictment dismissed which charged bank customer with causing failure to file CTR where each subtransaction at a different bank)

U.S. v. Perlmutter, 636 F. Supp. 219 (S.D.N.Y. 1986) But See U.S. v. Perlmutter, supra.

(defendant attorney did not have notice that her restructuring transactions to avoid banks' reporting requirements and failing to disclose were criminal; indictment dismissed)

U.S. v. Gimbel (I), 632 F. Supp. 748 (E.D. Wis. 1985), rev'd 830 F.2d 621 (7th Cir. 1987)

(indictment, which charged defendant (attorney) with money laundering scheme in attempt to conceal from IRS clients' true income, stated offenses under § 1001 and under mail and wire fraud statutes)

U.S. v. Gimbel (II), 632 F. Supp. 713 (E.D. Wis. 1984)  
(district court held that the law did not require the defendant, an attorney engaged in money laundering, to disclose on Part II of CTR form the real parties in interest to transaction)

U.S. v. Richter, 610 F. Supp. 480 (N.D. Ill. 1985), aff'd, 785 F.2d 312 (7th Cir. 1985), cert. denied, 479 U.S. 855 (1986)

(individual defendant properly charged under § 371 and §§ 1001 and 2 based on "structuring" of currency deposits)

U.S. v. Konefal, 566 F. Supp. 698 (N.D.N.Y. 1983)  
(individual defendant can be charged with causing failure to file CTR; single count of indictment charging defendant with numerous transactions in order to satisfy "pattern of unlawful activity" requirement not multiplicitous)

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WHEN CIVIL LAW MEETS DOUBLE JEOPARDY: ROUGH REMEDIAL  
JUSTICE, HALPER, AND THE NEED FOR PARALLEL CIVIL  
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The recent Supreme Court decision, United States v. Halper, 109 S.Ct. 1892 (1989), presents problems and opportunities for both the civil and criminal side of government enforcement efforts. Halper's application of the Double Jeopardy clause to civil False Claims Act suits will affect some civil prosecutions of fraud, but there are specific strategies that Government attorneys can adopt in response to Halper. Specifically, more attention to parallel prosecutions will avoid the problems encountered in Halper.

THE HALPER DECISION

Irwin Halper, the manager of a medical laboratory, submitted false claims under the Medicare program. He was convicted of 65 counts of false claims, 18 U.S.C. § 287, and 16 counts of mail fraud. The District Court (S.D.N.Y.) imposed a criminal sentence of two years imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine. The total "out-of-pocket" damage to the government from the 65 false claims was \$565 (65 claims at \$9 overcharge each).

The United States then brought a civil proceeding for the exact same fraudulent conduct under the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3731), seeking double damages and a penalty of \$2,000 per false claim.<sup>1/</sup> The District Court entered summary judgment for the government on liability based on the criminal conviction, but refused to impose the full statutory penalties, totalling \$130,000, citing the Constitution's Double Jeopardy clause. The United States appealed directly to the Supreme Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1252.

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<sup>1/</sup> The Act was amended effective October 27, 1986 and now provides for treble damages and a \$5-10,000 penalty per false claim.

The Supreme Court held that imposing the full statutory penalty authorized by the False Claims Act on Halper would constitute multiple punishment and would thus violate the Double Jeopardy of the Constitution. The disproportion between the \$585 actual damage to the Government and the \$130,000 in penalties was so extreme, and the penalty so divorced from the Government's damages and expenses, the Court stated, that it amounted to a second punishment even in a purely civil proceeding. Distinguishing United States ex rel. Marcus v. Hess, 317 U.S. 537 (1943), which held that a penalty which exceeds the precise amount of actual damages is not necessarily punishment, the Court adopted Justice Frankfurter's predictive concurring opinion in Hess that a penalty can become punishment when it exceeds that which "could reasonably be regarded as the equivalent of compensation for the Government's loss." 317 U.S. at 554. Justice Blackmun, writing for a unanimous court, described the test as whether, in application, a civil penalty following criminal punishment so far exceeds "rough remedial justice" (including actual damages and ancillary costs, such as the costs of investigation and detection of fraud) that it serves only the punitive goals of deterrence or retribution. When that line is crossed, as in Halper's case, or when the civil penalty bears no rational relation to the goal of compensating the Government for its loss, the sanction becomes punishment under the Double Jeopardy clause.

The Court remanded the case to the District Court for an assessment of costs to the Government. The Court expressly limited its ruling:

What we announce now is a rule for the rare case, the case such as the one before us, where a fixed-penalty provision subjects a prolific but small-gauge offender to a sanction overwhelmingly disproportionate to the damages he has caused. The rule is one of reason: Where a defendant previously has sustained a criminal penalty and the civil penalty sought in the subsequent proceeding bears no rational relation to the goal of compensating the Government for its loss, but rather appears to qualify as "punishment" in the plain meaning of the word, then the defendant is entitled to an accounting of the Government's damages and costs to determine if the penalty sought in fact constitutes a second punishment. We must leave to the trial court the discretion to determine on the basis of such an accounting, the size of the civil sanction the Government may receive without crossing the line between remedy and punishment.

109 S.Ct. at 1902 (footnote omitted).

## POSSIBLE PROBLEMS POSED BY HALPER

### Scenario I: Civil Prosecution Where Criminal Prosecution Has Been Declined.

Jeopardy only attaches for purposes of the Constitutional Double Jeopardy prohibition when the first witness is sworn in a criminal bench trial, when the jury is sworn in a jury trial, or when the court accepts a guilty plea. If there will be no criminal prosecution, none of these triggering events occurs and no jeopardy attaches; therefore, Halper's Double Jeopardy concerns are irrelevant. The Government should proceed to seek the maximum statutory recovery under the False Claims Act where prosecution is declined.<sup>2/</sup>

### Scenario II: Civil Prosecution After Criminal Prosecution.

This is the Halper situation. Once criminal jeopardy has attached, Halper holds the Government may not punish the defendant again, even civilly, for the same offense.

The Government ought to be able to show that, except in a rare Halper-type case, its claims for civil recovery fall outside those prohibitions.

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2/ The Halper Court expressed no concern that the Government might exact civil punishment - that is, recovery beyond compensation as long as it avoided Double Jeopardy. The more recent case of Browning-Ferris Industries of Vermont, Inc. v. Kelco Disposal, Inc., 109 S.Ct. 2909 (1989), might encourage a challenge to statutes like the False Claims Act. In Browning-Ferris, the Supreme Court held that the Excessive Fines Clause of the Eighth Amendment does not apply to punitive-damages awards in cases between private parties. The Court stressed, however, that the Excessive Fines Clause does apply to the Government, particularly when it "take[s] a positive step to punish, as it most obviously does in the criminal context," or when it "use[s] the civil courts to extract large payments or forfeitures for the purpose of raising revenue or disabling some individual." 109 S.Ct. at 2920. However, now that Halper has held that civil damages can be punitive or fine-like in application, defense attorneys may try to weaken the False Claims Act or similar statutes through arguments that high penalties are excessive fines. A footnote in Browning Ferris anticipates this argument, as well as a similar argument relating to qui tam actions. 109 S.Ct. at 2919 n.18.

1. Civil Recovery as Purely Compensatory, Not Punitive.

To the extent that the civil recovery only compensates the Government's actual loss, the concept of "punishment" never comes into play. Even after a criminal conviction the Government is free to sue civilly for its losses, as the fact of remand in Halper indicates. These "losses" include the money directly stolen from the Government through the false claims (which in Halper's case amounted to \$585). They also include the Government's ancillary costs of investigation and prosecution, which in Halper were estimated at \$16,000. Agents and government attorneys should keep records of their time and expenditures for recovery in the civil action. Recoverable costs should include testing and replacement of defective items. Even in a true Halper case, therefore, the Government can still recover significant sums. The Government might also try to urge a broader definition of its "costs" as other compensable loss. Examples are lost opportunity costs, the costs of decreased self-regulation by other licensed professionals who may have copied the defendant's scheme and adverse effects on the integrity of the contracting process. The more broadly the government can identify its costs, the more easily it can justify the full extent of the remedial sanctions provided for by statute.

2. Not the Same Offense

Nothing in the Halper decision prevents the Government from recovering under the civil False Claims Act for a different offense than that which constituted the defendant's criminal conviction. In Halper, the conviction was for the submission of false claims. Convictions for related but distinct offenses, such as mail fraud, may not bar false claims penalties at all. Similarly, if the criminal conviction reflects only a portion of the defendant's actual fraud, the civil prosecution should go after the rest of the scheme (with more false claims or different types of false claims). In that situation, Double Jeopardy is not implicated.

3. No Prior Punishment

Halper deals with multiple punishment. Thus, if the defendant has not been punished for his conduct, Double Jeopardy concerns will not apply. This situation would occur either if the defendant has been acquitted, or if his criminal sentence was only restitutionary, and not punitive.

a. Acquittal

Jeopardy attaches to a criminal proceeding whether the defendant is convicted or acquitted. Halper suggests, however, that since an acquittal involves no punishment, Double Jeopardy is in fact irrelevant when scrutinizing subsequent civil

penalties. Therefore civil penalties which follow an acquittal can be imposed to the full extent of the civil statute. In Helvering v. Mitchell, 303 U.S. 391 (1938), which Halper cites, the Supreme Court held that since the defendant had been acquitted of criminal tax evasion (and therefore not punished), the Government could recover a statutory fine, in addition to reimbursement, without invoking Double Jeopardy. The Court reasoned that in that case (unlike Halper's) the statute as applied was primarily remedial, but, secondly, that since the defendant had not been punished in his prior proceeding, no Double Jeopardy violation arose.

Nothing in today's ruling precludes the Government from seeking the full civil penalty against a defendant who previously has not been punished for the same conduct, even if the civil sanction imposed is punitive. In such a case, the Double Jeopardy Clause simply is not implicated.

Halper, 109 S.Ct. at 1903 (emphasis added). Thus, after an acquittal, the Government's recovery under the civil False Claims Act is unaffected by Halper.

b. Restitutionary Orders

To test the limits of Halper, we should analyze the impact of an admittedly unusual sentence following a criminal conviction in which the judge orders only restitution (no fine, no probation, no imprisonment). On the one hand, if the judge orders full restitution, the Government has facially been made whole and therefore, arguably under Halper, it cannot pursue further civil penalties.<sup>3/</sup> On the other hand, if the defendant only has to pay restitution, he is not "punished" at all, which makes Double Jeopardy irrelevant (according to the Mitchell acquittal logic), and therefore subsequent full-scale, civil

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<sup>3/</sup> The Government can still recover investigation and prosecution costs under the False Claims Act, however. The Victim and Witness Protection Act (19 U.S.C. § 3651), which provides for restitution as a condition of probation, has been read to exclude reimbursement to the Government for these investigative costs, even when the government has been the victim of the offense. See e.g., United States v. Vaughn, 636 F.2d 921 (4th Cir. 1980). See also United States v. Pollak, 844 F.2d 145 (3d Cir. 1988) (in which the victim is a private party, but investigative and property recovery costs are excluded using the same reasoning). Since restitution does not include those costs, therefore, the Government should still be able to recover them under the civil False Claims Act.

recovery entirely fair. (Other non-punitive remedies, as debarment, would work the same way and would avoid Double Jeopardy.) Courts view restitution as a form of punishment<sup>4/</sup> and thus full civil recovery following a criminal restitution order may be limited by Halper.

#### 4. Distinguishable from Halper

Very few cases will present the true Halper situation. The Court limited its opinion to the "rare" case of gross disproportionality between the damage to the Treasury from the false claims and the amount due under the False Claims Act's penalty provisions. Obviously, in each case there will be room for argument on both sides as to what amounts to gross disproportionality. Under Halper, absent such extreme disparity, no punishment issue arises. Therefore, there would be no need to address ancillary costs, and the statute could be applied on its own terms. The Halper decision supports the government's enforcement policy that the mandatory provisions of the statute apply unless there clearly appears no remedial purpose, and only then does the cost analysis start.

The Supreme Court assumes in Halper that the False Claims Act is mandatory in its imposition of treble damages and penalties per false claim, which has long been the Government's reading of the statute. Therefore, absent a Double Jeopardy problem, Halper strengthens the Government's position on the recovery which courts should impose under the Act. However, Halper could foreclose double or triple penalties after any criminal punishment.

#### Scenario III: Civil Suit Before Criminal Action.

This situation presents the added difficulty that if the resolution of the civil case is later considered to have been punishment, (such as treble damages) any criminal punishment, and probably prosecution itself, would be barred. Therefore, a decision about criminal prosecution should be made before filing a civil suit. Debarment, by an administrative agency would still be allowed as a completely civil remedy, at any stage of the proceeding with or without punishment. The Government should stress the administrative or regulatory nature of the proceeding and how that differs from a standard civil suit. Mitchell, *supra*, will lend support to the idea that an administrative

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4/ See Posner, Economic Analysis of Law, pp. 206-208 (1986). Severe economic sanctions should be a highly effective deterrent on white collar violators such as Halper; particularly if the marginal cost imposed on the defendant for each violation will significantly exceed the illegal gains. However, the threat of imprisonment remains the greatest deterrent.

proceeding and a civil suit are separate for purposes of Double Jeopardy.

Scenario IV and a Solution: Contemporaneous Civil and Criminal Suits.

Along with the usual questions of overlapping or competing discovery, and whether to seek a stay of the civil case, the defense bar will presumably want to press ahead with the civil action in the hope that the civil result will amount to jeopardy, so as to preclude termination or commencement of the criminal trial. If the cases are proceeding separately, this issue must be addressed to prevent a Double Jeopardy bar against the criminal case. For example, the civil case could be stayed or delayed pending the criminal outcome; or the civil case could seek only compensation in the broad sense, including costs and damages.

The Supreme Court suggested a remedy to these problems:

We do not consider our ruling far reaching or disruptive of the Government's need to combat fraud. Nothing in today's ruling precludes the Government from seeking the full civil penalty against a defendant who previously has not been punished for the same conduct, even if the civil sanction imposed is punitive. In such a case, the Double Jeopardy Clause simply is not implicated. Nor does the decision prevent the Government from seeking and obtaining both the full civil penalty and the full range of statutorily authorized criminal penalties in the same proceeding. In a single proceeding the multiple punishment issue would be limited to ensuring that the total punishment did not exceed that authorized by the legislature.

109 S.Ct. at 1903.

The Helper decision increases the desirability and need for parallel prosecution programs and the structuring of cases to maximize the joint civil and criminal recoveries. The Local Rules of each district should allow filing criminal and civil suits as related to one another, and assigned to the same judge, who can structure the proceedings to avoid a Helper problem. In a global proceeding, and/or settlement, the defendant might find it of interest to agree that the civil recovery is not punishment, and that debarment is a business protection. The defendant may agree to waive any Double Jeopardy argument he

might have if the total punishment package is part of a plea bargain/civil settlement with less exposure than coordinated criminal and civil trials where a single Judge has the total criminal and civil remedies at his disposal, of course within the boundaries of Halper.

Similarly, consideration should be given in light of Halper to leaving the corporate defendants to the civil recovery, where the money is higher and the burden of proof lower, and going after the individual wrongdoers on a criminal basis. Halper would not be implicated in such a proceeding.

While the advantages of coordinated parallel proceedings in the rare Halper-type case are many, there are also dangers in a joint proceeding. The government attorneys must argue against imposing a criminal standard of proof on civil proceedings.

Joint criminal and civil proceedings have been used in antitrust actions and are reported in the antitrust literature. Creative probing of the judicial system's capabilities will provide ample opportunities for government attorneys to use Halper to their advantage.

#### CONCLUSION

The Halper decision underscores the need for early, coordinated pursuit of fraud investigations by both civil and criminal prosecutors. Decisions on which action to pursue first, or whether to bring a joint civil/criminal proceeding, can only be made properly where both aspects of the matter are fully developed. Careful structuring of fraud cases will eliminate any risk posed to the government by Halper, and will maximize the anti-fraud offensives.