

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Effective March 1, 2000, the Judges of the United States District Court will require counsel to file a disclosure statement in accord with a Standing Order counsel will receive upon filing a new civil action. Counsel for the plaintiff or a defendant removing a civil action from state court will be responsible for serving a copy of the Standing Order upon the other parties to the action so they can comply with the Standing Order. The purpose of the disclosure statement is to help the Judges identify the need for recusal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §455.

The Standing Order will read as follows:

ORDER RE: DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

ANY NONGOVERNMENTAL CORPORATE PARTY TO AN ACTION IN THIS COURT SHALL FILE A STATEMENT IDENTIFYING ALL ITS PARENT CORPORATIONS AND LISTING ANY PUBLICLY HELD COMPANY THAT OWNS 10% OR MORE OF THE PARTY'S STOCK. A PARTY SHALL FILE THE STATEMENT WITH ITS INITIAL PLEADING FILED IN THE COURT AND SHALL SUPPLEMENT THE STATEMENT WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

KEVIN F. ROWE, CLERK