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Dear District Court Panelist:

As you know, new procedures will be instituted in the District Court as of October 7, 2002. Parts 12 & 13 will be disposition parts, i.e., parts to which cases will be sent for likely immediate disposition (ACOD or violation).

Originally Part 12 was to be a private attorney part and Part 13 was to be staffed by an 18B attorney of the day. That has now been changed. Part 12 will still be a private attorney part, but **Part 13 will be staffed by the Legal Aid Society.**

There is one instance, however, where the 18B attorney's role will change. If a judge in Arraignment B determines that a defendant is eligible for 18B (because he is a co-defendant or because there is a split fee agreement) **AND** if the Arraignment B judge and Assistant District Attorney feel that the case is quickly disposable and thus should be adjourned to Part 12 or 13, then the Arraignment B judge **should assign that case to the Arraignment B attorney of the day immediately.** In this way, the 18B attorney will have a chance to speak with the defendant before the return date and offer meaningful advice as to why the disposition should or should not be taken.

I appreciate your cooperation with respect to this procedure and I thank you for your continuing service to the 18B Panel.

Sincerely

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