

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

3 IN THE MATTER OF:

4 MOST CONGESTED COURTS;  
5 CIVIL CASES, THREE YEARS OLD  
6 AND OLDER.

Misc. No. 09-59(JAF)

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7 NOTICE TO COUNSEL

8 The Judicial Conference of the United States and its Court  
9 Administration and Case Management Committee (CACM) have jurisdiction  
10 to oversee the efficient administration of civil cases throughout the  
11 federal courts system.

12 As part of its functions, the CACM closely monitors civil  
13 filings which are three years old and older. Courts with civil cases  
14 which are three years old and older may be classified as "congested  
15 federal district courts" under CACM standards. The District of Puerto  
16 Rico has been classified as a congested federal district court.

17 The district judges in the District of Puerto Rico have agreed  
18 to pool resources to dispose of these old civil case filings. To that  
19 effect, civil litigants are advised that the following measures are  
20 being taken to address the congestion of the civil docket.

21 1. The court will periodically identify the filings which are  
22 three years old and older and a list of those cases will be filed in  
23 this miscellaneous case periodically.

24 2. As soon as practicable, these cases will be included in  
25 calendar calls to be conducted by a district judge. Cases that cannot

1 be settled during the calendar call will be placed on ready-to-try  
2 case lists and will be pre-tried and tried by the first available  
3 district court judge.

4 3. These cases will be managed expeditiously. The court will  
5 not allow unsupervised and pre-approved discovery or motion practice  
6 to interfere with the prompt disposition of these cases. Counsel must  
7 expect that pretrial and trial settings will entail short notice and  
8 will not be continued.

9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

10 San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 27th day of March, 2009.

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12	S/José Antonio Fusté	S/Jaime Pieras, Jr.
13	Chief U.S. District Judge	Senior U.S. District Judge
14	S/Carmen C. Cerezo	S/Raymond L. Acosta
15	U. S. District Judge	Senior U.S. District Judge
16	S/Daniel R. Domínguez	S/Salvador E. Casellas
17	U. S. District Judge	Senior U.S. District Judge
18	S/Jay A. García-Gregory	S/Juan M. Pérez-Giménez
19	U. S. District Judge	Senior U.S. District Judge
20	S/Aida M. Delgado-Colón	
21	U. S. District Judge	
22	S/Gustavo A. Gelpí	
23	U. S. District Judge	
24	S/Francisco A. Besosa	
25	U. S. District Judge	

*E-mailed to all counsel admitted to the Federal Bar.  
Entered in every active civil case 3 years old and  
older.  
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