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Transfer of General Litigation Coordination

**Subject:** Responsibility to Northeast Region **Cancellation Date:** September 12, 1999

The purpose of this notice is to transfer primary responsibility for the review and coordination of certain General Litigation matters to the Regional Counsel, Northeast Region. With the reorganization approaching, these changes will allow us to evaluate Counsel's ability to move certain program responsibilities outside of the National Office, particularly where knowledge and experience also resides in field offices. These changes will also provide temporary relief in the National Office which has experienced increased workload with the passage of the Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (RRA 98). As indicated below, the following areas of responsibility will be assigned to the offices and functions of the Northeast Region. Field offices should coordinate the review and referral of matters with those offices as appropriate.

1. Significant Bankruptcy Review Program under CCDM (34)(10)30:

Review and coordination of plan documents in those cases filed under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code that fall within the parameters of the Significant Bankruptcy Case Program as defined in CCDM (34)(10)30. Plan documents should now be referred to District Counsel, New Jersey, instead of Branch 2, General Litigation Division, for review and assistance. District Counsel, New Jersey, will be responsible for coordinating technical issues with the National Office as contemplated under the program. See CCDM (34)(10)30:(3)(e). District Counsel, New Jersey, will also refer any novel or significant questions of the interpretation of the Bankruptcy Code to the Office of Assistant Chief Counsel (General Litigation) for advice under existing procedures. CCDM (34)(11)20:(7).

2. Electronic Return Filing Program/Rev. Proc. 98-50:

Routine litigation pertaining to the Electronic Return Filing Program and Rev. Proc. 98-50, heretofore handled by General Litigation as centralized court cases. To the extent that the litigation involves issues regarding the participation of a person in that program as an electronic return originator or an electronic return filer, this litigation will now be handled by Brooklyn District Counsel. The Office of Assistant Chief Counsel (General Litigation) should be contacted in cases where the litigation presents novel or significant questions.

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