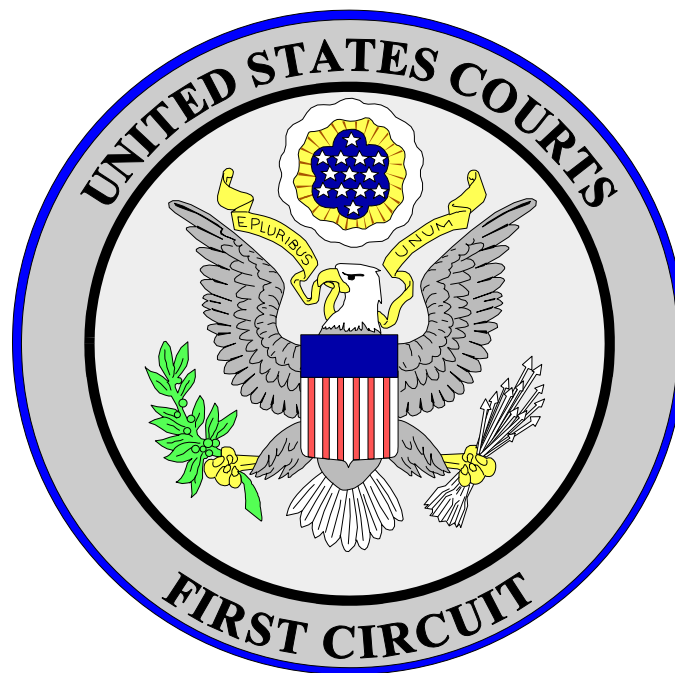


# EXHIBIT A

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## **BUSINESS OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

Circuit judicial councils were created by Congress in 1939, along with the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and circuit judicial conferences, to assist in the management of the courts. The chief judge of the circuit presides over the council, and its membership consists (in this circuit) of all the active judges of the court of appeals and one district judge from each of the five districts in the circuit. Each circuit judicial council has administrative responsibility for all courts in its circuit. It is authorized to:

make all necessary and appropriate orders for the effective and expeditious administration of justice within its circuit . . . .

28 U.S.C. § 332(d).

Council meetings in the First Circuit are generally held twice a year. In 2006, the council meetings took place on April 14 and September 12. Many matters are decided by mail vote between meetings.

A principle task of the judicial council involves the consideration of complaints of judicial disability or misconduct. An explanation of the council's role in these matters and a summary of final action taken by the council during 2006 is provided at pages 93 - 95.

Another primary task of the judicial council is to review statistics of individual courts and judges. The council undertakes this task, in part, with a view towards providing additional help where assistance is required.

Other judicial council action taken during 2006 included: approval of various cost reduction measures; review of courthouse construction projects and expenditures; review of juror utilization, trials and other court activity statistics; review of court security measures; review of privacy rules, and the approval of bankruptcy judge assignments.