SUPERIOR COURT OF DELAWARE

MEMORANDUM

FROM: PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY

Re:

Plan for the Selection of Special Juries

on Alic 23 P1:18

22nd August 1994

To:

Sharon Agnew, Prothonotary, New Castle Jeffrey L. Howell, Prothonotary, Sussex Mary Jane Smith, Prothonotary, Kent

Enclosed is the original order approved by all the Judges which adopts the attached Plan for the Selection of Special Juries.

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Enclosure

xc: Superior Court Judges

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

ORDER AMENDING PLAN FOR THE SELECTION OF SPECIAL JURIES

This 22 day of Aug. , 1994, it is ORDERED:

- The Plan for the Selection of Special Juries effective January 1, 1983 and amended April 15, 1983 is amended by substituting the attached Plan for the Selection of Special Juries effective August 1, 1994.
- 2. An original of this order and attached Plan shall be filed with the Prothonotary for each County.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

PLAN FOR THE SELECTION OF SPECIAL JURIES

When the court orders a special jury pursuant to 10 <u>Del. C.</u> § 4506, the jury shall be selected in accordance with this plan, the regular Petit Jury Plan insofar as not inconsistent with this plan, and Superior Court Civil Rule 47. As used herein, "court" includes court personnel acting under the supervision of the assigned judge.

The court shall:

- Summon a separate panel of jurors for each special jury case.
- 2. Determine the number of jurors to be summoned based on the number of parties, the estimated length of the trial, and other information pertinent to the number likely to be needed to obtain a jury. If additional jurors are needed, they may, with the consent of the party who applied for a special jury, be randomly drawn from the regular panel.
- 3. Select from juror qualification forms of persons who have completed their service as regular jurors those who appear qualified for special jury service by reason of education, training or experience. The composition of the special jury panel shall be similar in distribution of race, sex, age, religion, national origin, and other legally significant characteristics to the composition of the population of the county, as shown by the last decennial census, insofar as practicable.
- 4. Issue summonses containing the nature of the action, the names of the parties, attorneys, and witnesses, the estimated length of trial, and such other pertinent information or instruction as the assigned judge determines will aid in the selection of the jury.