SUPREME COURT

No. 2001-6

EXECUTIVE ORDER

At my request, the Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee of the Rhode Island Bar Association, along with the Association's Executive Committee and House of Delegates endorsed the creation of an Alternate Dispute Resolution Task Force ("ADR Task Force") to examine the present status of alternate dispute resolution within Rhode Island, including its effectiveness, and to make recommendations regarding the use of all alternate dispute resolution protocols.

The creation of such a committee has also been recommended by the Future of the Courts Committee.

As a result, it is hereby ordered that an ADR Task Force is hereby created consisting of the following membership:

The Honorable John P. Bourcier, Co-chair
Christine W. Ariel, Esquire, Co-chair
Presiding Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court or his designee
Chief Judge of the Rhode Island District Court or his designee
Chief Judge of the Rhode Island Family Court or his designee
Chief Judge of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court or his designee
Representative from the Traffic Tribunal as designated by the Chief Judge of the District Court
The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse, Attorney General or his designee
John Hardiman, Public Defender or his designee
Gail M. Valuk, Esquire, Deputy State Court Administrator
Dean Harvey Rishikoff, Roger Williams University School of Law or his designee
Bruce Cogan, Esquire, Roger Williams University School of Law
Professor Craig Overton, University of Rhode Island
Robert Barge, Esquire, Rhode Island Legal Services or his designee
Ms. Joan Gelch, Providence Community Mediation Center
Carol King, Esquire, Southeastern Mass. Legal Assistance Corp.
Kenneth Ford, Providence Washington Insurance Company

Ronald Gerwatowski, Narragansett Electric Company
Zenon Lankowsky, CVS
John E. McCann, Esquire
Karen L. Davidson, Esquire
Martin K. Donovan, Esquire
Arnold W. Montaquila, Esquire
Clair T. Jabour, Esquire
Renee G. Vogel, MD, JD
J. Renn Olenn, Esquire
Cary J. Coen, Esquire
William E. Smith, Esquire
Sheila T. Swan, Esquire
Amedeo C. Merolla, Esquire
Steven J. Hirsch, Esquire
Holly Hitchcock
J. Michael Keating, Esquire
Phillip M. Weinstein, Esquire
William M. Dolan, Esquire
William Delaney, Esquire
John Martinelli, Esquire
Kent Williver, Esquire
Amy Beretta, Esquire
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island (ex-officio)
Robert Oster, President of the Rhode Island Bar Association (ex-officio)
Kathleen Maher McKendall, Administrator, Arbitration

Other members may be appointed by further order of the Chief Justice.

The first meeting of the plenary session of the ADR Task Force is scheduled for June 25, 2001 at 12:30 p.m. in the Supreme Court of Rhode Island,

The Task Force shall present its interim report to the Chief Justice on or before December 31, 2001.

The Supreme Court appreciates the interest of all who are willing to serve on this Task Force.

Entered as an Order of this Court on this 24rd day of May, 2001.

ENTERED: BY ORDER.

Frank J. Williams
Chief Justice

Clerk