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Notice to Practitioners

**CHANGE to Previous Security Screening Notice -
Attorneys with USDC Attorney ID Cards Generally Exempt**

In a January 26, 2001, notice to practitioners, I advised you of the Federal Court Security Committee's decision that all non-tenants of federal court buildings would be subject to security screening.

Since that time, the district judges met and determined that the policy in effect in federal court buildings in Albuquerque will continue to be that attorneys with attorney identification cards issued by the United States District Court clerk's office do not need to go through the magnetometer, but they do have to submit their briefcases and packages for x-ray examination. Court security offices are authorized to require an attorney to go through the magnetometer if they deem it necessary. Chief United States District Judge James A. Parker also indicated that the attorney identification cards are issued to lawyers as officers of the court and that an attorney abusing this privilege is subject to loss of the card.

Therefore, effective March 1, 2001, the singular change to the security screening process will be that attorneys are to submit their briefcases and packages for x-ray examination. Attorneys who possess U. S. District Court-issued attorney identification cards will continue to be exempt from going through the magnetometer.

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