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Please let this letter serve as my Unqualified support for the amendments to the Small Claims Rules. My comments are as follows:

Rule 7.010 - This amendment which increases to \$5,000 the amount in controversy over which small claims procedures apply is long since overdue. The time frame when \$2,500 was a significant sum have long since past. I can think of no justification whatsoever for a corporation to be prohibited from letting its credit managers handle cases involving this sum. I urge its passage.

Rule 7.060 - This amendment adds to the venue provision when there is no agreement as to where suit may be filed. proper venue lies in the county where payment is to be This obviously has been the status of Florida made. law for many years and merely puts our rules in line with current thinking. In addition, this amendment should clarify for all concerned that it is the obligation of the debtor to seek out the creditor, rather than the other way around.

You and the Rules Committee who promulgated these amendments are to be applauded for your superlative efforts in recommending these changes.

Very truly yours, Christopher J. Weiss

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