

MEMORANDUM

To: LLA Membership
From: Gary Weber
Date: December 12, 2005
Subject: Annual Report of the Customs and Rules Committee

For the first time in many years the Customs and Rules Committee did not meet. No new issues came before the Committee for consideration.

The civil rules project culminated in January 2005 with the approval of multiple, mandated changes of the local rules. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court's Committee objected to the more logical approach we attempted in numbering certain rules, and the process was held up until June, when Judge Kieser intervened to secure approval of a rephrased order implementing the same rules, with the same numbering scheme.

It is quite clear, that the Supreme Court, or its committee, intends to exercise strict control of the local rule process, and that local discretion in promulgating such rules will continue to diminish.