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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re: Pilot Project Regarding Case Management : STANDING ORDER

Techniques for Complex Civil Cases in the : M10-468

Southern District of New York :

: **11 MISC 00388**

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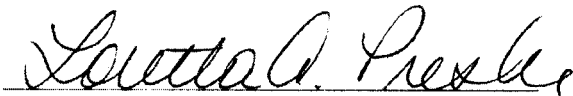
1. This case is hereby designated for inclusion in the Pilot Project Regarding Case Management Techniques for Complex Civil Cases in the Southern District of New York (the "Pilot Project"), unless the judge to whom this case is assigned determines otherwise.

2. This case is designated for inclusion in the Pilot Project because it is a class action, an MDL action, or is in one of the following Nature of Suit categories: 160, 245, 315, 355, 365, 385, 410, 830, 840, 850, 893, or 950.

3. The presiding judge in a case that does not otherwise qualify for inclusion in the Pilot Project may nevertheless designate the case for inclusion in the Pilot Project by issuing an order directing that the case be included in the Pilot Project.

4. The description of the Pilot Project, including procedures to be followed, is attached to this Order.

SO ORDERED:



Loretta A. Preska
Chief United States District Judge

Dated: October 31, 2011

New York, New York

**REPORT OF THE
JUDICIAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

**PILOT PROJECT REGARDING CASE MANAGEMENT
TECHNIQUES FOR COMPLEX CIVIL CASES**

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PREFACE

Beginning in early 2011, the Judicial Improvements Committee of the Southern District of New York (“JIC”),¹ chaired by Judge Shira A. Scheindlin, began to consider a pilot project to improve the quality of judicial case management. The impetus for this project was the “Duke Conference” sponsored by the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules. Judge John G. Koeltl, a member of the Advisory Committee, was Chair of the Planning Committee for the Duke Conference. The JIC decided to focus on complex cases and to develop procedures that would be implemented by the judges of the Court for an eighteen-month trial period. To assist in this effort the Chair of the JIC appointed an Advisory Committee of experienced attorneys, representing a broad diversity of the bar to develop proposals. The Advisory Committee, joined by members of the JIC, formed four subcommittees to consider and recommend best practices for the management of complex civil cases. Each of the four subcommittees submitted a report to the JIC which was adopted in substance by the JIC. The JIC then presented its proposal to the Board of Judges. On September 28, the Board of Judges approved the proposal, albeit with some suggestions for implementing the final version of the pilot project. The following report is the pilot project that the Court has adopted. It will take effect on November 1, 2011. The Court is deeply grateful to all of the JIC Members and Advisory Committee members who worked so hard to bring this project to fruition.

¹ The members of the Judicial Improvements Committee include: Judge Denise Cote, Judge Thomas Griesa, Judge Kenneth Karas, Judge John Koeltl, Judge Victor Marrero, Judge Shira Scheindlin, Judge Sidney Stein, Judge Robert Sweet, Judge James Cott, Judge Theodore Katz, Judge Henry Pitman and Judge Lisa Smith.

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