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Subject: An important message from Judge Freedman regarding motions.

"Asbestos motions have been piling up to an inordinate degree." Motions are being adjourned week after week and, as a result, the statistics show that Judge Freedman has a huge number of undecided submitted motions that are way beyond standards and goals.

To remedy this, Judge Freedman is imposing the following rule:

All motions must be disposed of within two months of the first date set for argument. That means that any motion that is first set for oral argument on e.g., August 12th will be decided by October 12th. If there are no answering papers, the motion will be granted. Judge Freedman currently has motions dating back to March and April which she intends to dispose of "by the end of the Republican Convention" -- September 2, 2004.

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