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I just learned of this proposed amendment, and so am submitting this comment with the hope it will be considered even though the deadline for comments has passed.

Shortening the period to accept or reject case evaluation is a sensible change consistent with the use of time guidelines to move cases forward to resolution with reasonable promptness. With the ready availability of mobile phones, email and facsimile for rapid communication, the 28 day time period established decades ago is no longer necessary.

My suggestion would be to amend to reduce the deadline from 28 to 14 days as proposed, but with the ability of the trial court, by scheduling order, to provide more time in any situation where special circumstances may warrant this.

Thank you for your consideration of this comment.

Judge Charles W. Johnson
57th Circuit Court