

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Special Masters' Incidence and Activity: Report to the Judicial Conference's Advisory Committee on Civil Rules and Its Subcommittee on Special Masters

[http://www.fjc.gov/library/fjc\\_catalog.nsf/DPublication?openform&parentunid=F8DA537388143D1085256CA30068B0F6](http://www.fjc.gov/library/fjc_catalog.nsf/DPublication?openform&parentunid=F8DA537388143D1085256CA30068B0F6)

The Special Masters' Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules of the Judicial Conference asked the Center to examine how often judges appointed special masters and what functions they asked masters to perform. This report documents the incidence of recent special master consideration and appointment. The authors found that such activity was rare and occurred primarily in high-stakes cases that were especially complex. Party initiative, consent, or acquiescence provided the foundation for appointments and the basis for authorizing activities not contemplated by Rule 53. The subcommittee used the report along with other information in framing a proposed revision of Rule 53 that was published in August 2001.

- 40.28 Referral of Privilege Claims to Special Master  
<http://www.fjc.gov/public/home.nsf/pages/524>

This sample order is excerpted from the Manual for Complex Litigation, Fourth Edition. It is a little dated, but still the current edition of the Manual. There are numerous mentions (200+ ) of special masters in the Manual. internet -  
<http://www.fjc.gov/public/home.nsf/pages/524>  
<http://fjconline.fjc.dcn/content/manual-complex-litigation-fourth-0>

- A Study of the Role and Impact of Special Masters in Patent Cases  
[http://www.fjc.gov/library/fjc\\_catalog.nsf/DPublication?openform&parentunid=3E3BDF A8678E669285257589006DB42C](http://www.fjc.gov/library/fjc_catalog.nsf/DPublication?openform&parentunid=3E3BDF A8678E669285257589006DB42C)  
Report of a study of the use of special masters in patent litigation.

- Vaccine Injury Program and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims  
(This might be too tangential as it deals with staff attorney special masters, and in a specialized court.)  
<http://fjconline.fjc.dcn/content/302205/vaccine-injury-program-and-us-court-federal-claims>

Jurisdiction for resolving injury claims under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program is with the U.S. Court of Federal Claims' Office of Special Masters. This video looks at the office's unique responsibility and its history, structure, and operation. At the court's headquarters in Washington, D.C., we hear from the chief judge and the chief special master.

- Court-Appointed Experts: Defining the Role of Experts Appointed Under Federal Rule of Evidence 706  
[http://www.fjc.gov/library/fjc\\_catalog.nsf/DPublication?openform&parentunid=416B95653F789CBF85256CA3006768BF](http://www.fjc.gov/library/fjc_catalog.nsf/DPublication?openform&parentunid=416B95653F789CBF85256CA3006768BF)

A study of why judges rarely appoint experts under Rule 706. In discussing this issue with judges, the authors learned of techniques and procedures that may aid judges when considering whether to appoint an expert or when managing an expert who has been appointed. These suggestions are collected in the final chapter of this report.

- Code of Conduct for United States Judges  
<http://www.uscourts.gov/judges-judgeships/code-conduct-united-states-judges>  
This Code applies to United States circuit judges, district judges, Court of International Trade judges, Court of Federal Claims judges, bankruptcy judges, and magistrate judges. Certain provisions of this Code apply to special masters and commissioners as indicated in the “Compliance” section. The Tax Court, Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces have adopted this Code.
- Academy of Court-Appointed Masters Resource Center  
internet - <http://www.courtappointedmasters.org/resource-center>  
<http://fjconline.fjc.dcn/content/dead-external-link-academy-court-appointed-masters-resource-center>  
ACAM maintains this on line Resource Center for use by judges, their clerks, other masters, and attorneys. Resources include recent legal developments in mastering; articles and publications about masters; text of Federal Rule 53 including comments on the 2003 changes; a table of State Court Authorities Governing Special Masters, Referees, Commissioners, and Similar Judicial Adjuncts and Comparison State Rules to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 53; the Appointing Special Masters and Other Judicial Adjuncts handbook (above); and sample/model appointment orders.