

Committee of Tort Litigants v. Catholic Diocese of Spokane, et al., Case No. 05-80038
Michael Shea v. Catholic Diocese of Spokane, et al., Case No. A04-00291

HEARING JUNE 27, 2005 AT 9:00 A.M. IN OPEN COURT

This will provide the public with information concerning the above adversary proceedings.

At 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 27, 2005, Motions for Summary Judgment, Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment, Motions for Dismissal and other matters will be argued before Bankruptcy Judge Patricia C. Williams in the above-noted adversary proceedings. The hearing will be conducted in Courtroom 1 (Historical Courtroom - Room 358), which is located on the third floor of the U.S. Post Office Building at 904 West Riverside in Spokane. It is expected that the hearing will last all day.

In the motions being heard by the Court, each of the moving parties contend that they are entitled to a decision in their favor as a matter of law. The hearings will, therefore, consist of legal argument only, and although the argument may include display of filed documents, there will be no testimony from witnesses, or the introduction of any other evidence that is not a part of the court's record.

In cases of this kind, once the arguments are made to the Court, the Court typically takes the matter under advisement and renders a decision at a later time. The time it takes for the Court to arrive at a decision is most often dependent on the complexity of the issues involved. Once the Court renders its decision, then an appeal is possible.

Substantial interest has been indicated, and it is expected that many individuals may wish to attend the hearing. Due to space limitations, it may not be possible for everyone wishing to attend the hearing to be accommodated in Courtroom 1. Admittance to the hearing will be made available to attorneys directly involved in matters before the Court, their support personnel and selected clients; attorneys involved in related matters; and members of the media. Preliminary estimates disclose that these groups may account for most of the available seating in Courtroom 1. Should seats not be available for others wishing to attend, seating will be available in a smaller adjacent courtroom, where the hearing will be broadcast in audio.

It should be noted that cell phones, recorders, cameras or "blackberry-type" devices are not permitted on the third floor of the U.S. Post Office Building. Laptop computers are permitted. The courtroom will be opened at 8:15 a.m.

Admission to the third floor is controlled by Court Security Officers and the U.S. Marshall Service. Individuals seeking admittance must pass through a magnetometer and display proper picture identification.

The hearing will be recorded, and copies of the hearing will be available from the Court on CD-ROM for a charge of \$26.00 each by accessing the Court's website www.waeb.uscourts.gov or by calling 509-353-2404, extension 242.