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to retrieve decisions during the past two weeks have already discovered, the LII's case documents now provide access to each decision in two file formats: (a) the filtered ascii to which they have always linked and (b) WordPerfect 5.1. For those wanting to print decisions rather than or in addition to viewing them through a Web browser the latter has important advantages. It also includes all footnotes, which are lost in the creation of the filtered ascii files released by the Court.

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<<http://www.usscplus.com/>>

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A GENTLE PITCH

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