Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

August 10 (2000)

Dear Mr. Feiner:

I was privileged to see the as yet uncompleted new federal courthouse in Phoenix yesterday. It is unlike any other federal courthouse I have seen. The design is modern and full of light and a sense of space. Those are the qualities of the Arizona desert that I know and love.

The building should give the visitor the impression of openess, of access to justice, of a tranquil space in which to resolve the sometimes very difficult issues in our courts. The federal courts play a vital role in our nation. It is fitting that they be housed in spaces designed

to reflect the significance of that role and the sense that justice in our nation is open to all.

I am deeply honored that the building will bear my name.

Sincerely,

Sandra Day O'Connor