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1. **This transmits:**

Handbook 1530.01 REV-5, Litigation Handbook

2. **Summary:**

This revised handbook entirely updates and reorganizes the previous version and describes in much more detail the responsibilities of the Office of General Counsel for handling and monitoring litigation in which HUD or a HUD official is a party. It also describes the responsibilities and duties of Program officials and HUD employees with respect to such litigation. Among other things, it includes information about the role of HUD officials in influencing the Department's litigation position, what a HUD employee should do when served with a summons or subpoena, and how the filing of a lawsuit affects the conduct of the Department's programs. In addition to covering litigation in which the Department or a Department employee is a party, the handbook covers litigation in which a Department-funded entity such as a Public Housing Authority is a party.

3. **Filing Instructions.**

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Handbook 1530.1 REV-4
dated May 8, 1981, and all changes

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