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Administrative Judge First Judicial District Supreme Court, Civil Branch

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

By the authority vested in me as Administrative Judge of the Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County and pursuant to the Decision and Order of the New York State Litigation Coordinating Panel in the matter of <u>Abbott v. Astrazeneca Pharmaceuticals LP</u>, New York County Index No. 116572/2006, Panel No. 0002/2007, dated September 25, 2008, and Section 202.69 (c)(1) of the Uniform Rules for the Trial Courts, it is hereby

ORDERED, that all cases in which plaintiffs seek damages for personal injury allegedly caused by the ingestion of a product manufactured and distributed by the defendants, namely, the prescription medication Seroquel ®, that are currently pending in the Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County or that shall hereafter be commenced in this county, shall be assigned or reassigned to the Honorable Martin Shulman, one of the Justices of the Center for Complex Litigation of the New York County Supreme Court, for the purpose of Coordination as set forth below and for all other purposes, and it is further

ORDERED that Justice Shulman is hereby designated the Coordinating Justice for the Coordination directed by the Panel in the aforesaid Decision and Order, and it is further

ORDERED that (i) all pending cases seeking damages for personal injury from the ingestion of the prescription medication Seroquel ® that are listed in the Decision and Order of the Panel and other pending cases of this type that are not so listed but are pending in this county or that, pursuant to the Decision and Order, shall be transferred to this county for inclusion in the Coordination, and (ii) any such cases that shall be commenced hereafter either in this county or in another county and that, pursuant to the Decision and Order, shall be transferred to this county for inclusion in the Coordination shall be assigned to Justice Shulman for the purpose of, and shall be included in, the Coordination, and it is further

ORDERED that the attorneys hereafter filing any such matters in this court or

effecting transfer of any such matters to this court pursuant to the said Decision and Order shall, as soon as practicable, file a Request for Judicial Intervention (which shall be without fee in any case in which a Request for Judicial Intervention was previously filed in a county other than New York County) and shall attach a copy of this Administrative Order to each such Request and shall designate the case as one related to the *Abbott* matter.

It appears to the undersigned that the Coordination of and proceedings in the aforementioned pending cases and other such cases as may hereafter be filed shall be advanced and rendered more efficient for the parties, counsel, the Coordinating Justice, and the court if the cases are filed and processed in the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System. Counsel are directed to contact the Statewide Coordinator of Electronic Filing, Mr. Jeffrey Carucci, whose office is located in our court and who can be reached at 646-386-3033 or at jcarucci@courts.state.ny.us.

Dated: New York, New York October /U, 2008

Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann

Administrative Judge