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Supreme Court, Civil Branch

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

It appears that, as of the present, six cases have been commenced in the Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County and assigned to Justices in which plaintiffs seek to recover damages for personal injury alleged to have been sustained as a result of ingestion of the drug Lipitor (“Lipitor cases”) (these cases are identified on the attached sheet) and that 25 Lipitor cases have been commenced in this County, but have not yet been assigned. By letter dated October 30, 2006, I raised with counsel the question whether the cases should be assigned to a single Justice. I have reviewed the responses to that letter. By the authority vested in me as Administrative Judge of the Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County, in light of the facts that the Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County has established a Center for Complex Litigation and the undersigned, by Administrative Order dated February 21, 2006 (copy posted on this court’s website under “Administrative Orders”), has assigned several Justices to said Center,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the cases listed on the attached sheet shall be reassigned to Hon. Martin Shulman, one of the Justices of the Center, for all purposes, and it is further

ORDERED that all other Lipitor cases currently pending in Supreme Court, New York County, or that are hereafter commenced shall be assigned to Justice Shulman for all purposes upon the filing of a Request for Judicial Intervention therein, and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerks of the back offices of the court shall reassign or assign these matters in accordance herewith, and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of this Administrative Order shall be attached to each Request for Judicial Intervention hereafter filed in a Lipitor case in this County.

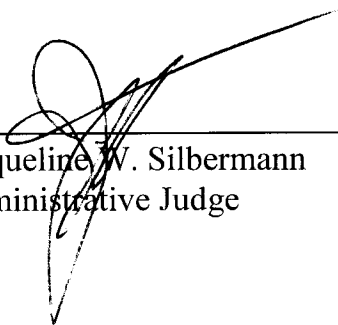
I have reviewed pleadings in these matters, conclude that the Lipitor cases are suitable for processing by the court’s electronic filing system, and request that they so proceed. Such

processing will ensure convenient and efficient filing, service and processing of papers for the parties and counsel and will assist the court and the County Clerk as well. Counsel are requested promptly to contact the Electronic Filing Office of this court (Jeffrey Carucci, Director) at EFILE@courts.state.ny.us or 646-386-3033 for information about this program.

The files on any outstanding motions in the cases listed on the attachment hereto that have been submitted to a Justice should be returned by the Part to the Motion Support Office so that that Office can update the court's records.

In case there is any uncertainty on this point, I note that this Order directs the assignment of Lipitor cases in this County, but is not an order of consolidation pursuant to CPLR 602.

Dated: New York, New York
November 8, 2006



Jacqueline W. Silbermann
Administrative Judge

ATTACHMENT

Westbrook v. Pfizer Inc., Index No. 109851/2006 (Freedman, J.)

Wilson v. Pfizer Inc., Index No. 107932/2006 (Goodman, J.)

Devore v. Pfizer Inc., Index No. 109838/2006 (Gische, J.)

Hohendorf v. Pfizer Inc., Index No. 109845/2006 (Gische, J.)

Norris v. Pfizer Inc., Index No. 109847/2006 (Gische, J.)

West v. Pfizer Inc., Index No. 112533/2006 (Stallman, J.)