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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

It has come to the attention of the staff of the court that five similar actions identified on the Appendix have been commenced in the Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County and been assigned to five different Justices of this court. In these cases the plaintiffs seek to recover damages from the same defendants, Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. and Pfizer, Inc., for personal injury alleged to have occurred as a result of ingestion of the drug Eliquis. The plaintiffs assert, *inter alia*, that this drug was defective when placed in the stream of commerce, that defendants failed to provide adequate warnings and dosing instructions, that defendants were negligent in failing to provide such warnings and instructions, and that they made fraudulent statements in regard to testing.

In order to promote judicial efficiency, advance the orderly handling of these cases for the parties, and avoid inconsistent rulings, all personal injury actions in which similar allegations are made against these two defendants ("Eliquis cases") should be assigned to a single Justice. The Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County has established a Center for Complex Litigation to handle mass tort and other similarly complicated litigation. Accordingly, by the authority vested in me as Acting Administrative Judge of this court, I hereby order as follows:

It is hereby

ORDERED that the four Eliquis cases listed on the Appendix that have been assigned to Justices other than Justice Erika M. Edwards (Part 47) shall be reassigned by the Clerk for all purposes to Justice Edwards, who for this litigation shall be designated one of the Justices of the Center; and it is further

ORDERED that if any other Eliquis actions are pending in which a Request for Judicial Intervention has been filed that have not been assigned to Justice Edwards, the Clerk shall assign or reassign such actions to Justice Edwards; and it is further

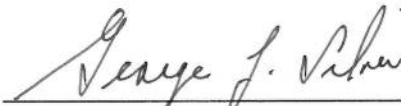
ORDERED that all other Eliquis cases that are currently pending in Supreme Court,

Civil Branch, New York County or that are hereafter commenced in this court shall be assigned to Justice Edwards for all purposes upon the filing of a Request for Judicial Intervention therein; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of the back office in which a Request for Judicial Intervention in an Eliquis case is hereafter filed shall assign such case 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 an Eliquis case in this county.

Dated: September, 2017



Hon. George J. Silver
Acting Administrative Judge

APPENDIX

1. Devos v. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. & Pfizer, Inc., Index No. 154694/2017 (Edwards, J.)
2. Curio v. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. & Pfizer, Inc., Index No. 154740/2017 (Jaffe, J.)
3. Tucci v. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. & Pfizer, Inc., Index No. 154745/2017 (Braun, J.)
4. Stewart v. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. & Pfizer, Inc., Index No. 155012/2017 (Hagler, J.)
5. Hollobaugh v. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. & Pfizer, Inc., 155111/2017 (Reed, J.)