

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and in consultation and agreement with Honorable Alfred D. Lerner, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, Honorable Guy J. Mangano, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, Honorable Anthony V. Cardona, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department and Honorable M. Dolores Denman, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Fourth Judicial Department, I hereby assign temporarily, effective immediately, Honorable Helen E. Freedman, Justice of the Supreme Court, First Judicial District, to preside for all purposes prior to the commencement of trial over all actions now pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in any judicial district, involving claims for damages resulting from the diet drugs fenfluramine and phentermine ("fen-phen"), such assignment to continue until otherwise ordered, and to be in addition to her other duties and assignments.

  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE  
OF THE COURTS

Dated: July 16, 1998

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