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Supreme Court, Civil Branch

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

By the authority vested in me as Administrative Judge of the Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County, I hereby order as follows:

(1) A series of actions have been commenced in this court alleging personal injury and wrongful death arising out of the use and/or ingestion of the drug Serzone. These cases are as follows:

Brandon v. Bristol-Myers Squibb, Index No. 115223/2002
Brown v. Bristol-Myers Squibb, Index No. 115222/2002
Burgess v. Bristol-Myers Squibb, Index No. 107028/2002
Franklin v. Bristol-Myers Squibb, Index No. 119457/2002
Harrison v. Bristol-Myers Squibb, Index No. 123744/2002
Kennedy-Uribe v. Bristol-Myers Squibb, Index No. 107301/2002
Mead v. Bristol-Myers Squibb, Index No. 119456/2002
Phillips v. Bristol-Myers Squibb, Index No. 107029/2002
Rucker v. Bristol-Myers Squibb, Index No. 107032/2002

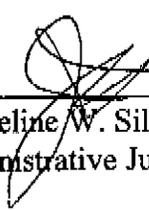
Because of the similarity of these cases and others that may follow, it is evident that coordination of pretrial proceedings will advance the swift, inexpensive and efficient resolution of these matters. Counsel for all parties in the listed cases have requested that the actions be coordinated. Accordingly, I hereby direct that the actions set forth above and any other actions that have been or hereafter may be commenced in the Supreme Court in this County in which plaintiffs allege personal injury or wrongful death arising out of the use and/or ingestion of Serzone shall be assigned to a single Justice. This Administrative Order shall not be understood as an order of consolidation under CPLR 602.

(2) In view of her extensive judicial experience, including with regard to mass tort litigation, I hereby direct that the Serzone cases listed above and any others hereafter filed in this court shall be assigned to Honorable Helen E. Freedman.

(3) In each of the Serzone cases listed above, plaintiffs shall promptly pay the required fee for and file a Request for Judicial Intervention ("RJI"). Counsel for the plaintiffs in each of these cases shall attach a copy of this Administrative Order to the RJI.

(4) In any Serzone action not listed above that may hereafter be filed in the Supreme Court in this County, counsel for plaintiffs shall annex a copy of this order to the RJI filed for that case.

Dated: May 2, 2003
New York, New York



Jacqueline W. Silbermann
Administrative Judge