NOTICE TO THE BAR

DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN NEW JERSEY STATE-COURT LITIGATION INVOLVING OLMESARTAN MEDOXOMIL MEDICATIONS AS MULTICOUNTY LITIGATION

A previous notice to the Bar requested comments on an application for multicounty litigation designation of all New Jersey state court litigation involving olmesartan medoxomil medications. This Notice is to advise that the Supreme Court, after considering the application and comments received, has determined to designate litigation alleging personal injuries of sprue-like enteropathy and/or lymphocytic colitis, microscopic colitis or collagenous colitis and other symptoms as a result of treatment with olmesartan medoxomil medications as multicounty litigation. The Court has assigned this litigation to Atlantic County for centralized case management by Superior Court Judge Nelson C. Johnson.

Published with this Notice is the Supreme Court's July 14, 2015 order. This order and Judge Johnson's August 26, 2015 Initial Case Management Order are both posted on the Judiciary's Internet website (www.njcourts.com) in the Multicounty Litigation Information Center (http://Judiciary.state.nj.us/multicounty/index.htm).

Questions concerning this matter may be directed to Tironda E. Phoenix, Chief, Civil Court Programs, Civil Practice Division, Administrative Office of the Courts, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 981, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0981; telephone (609) 292-8471; email address: tironda.phoenix@judiciary.state.nj.us.

/s/ Glenn A. Grant

Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: August 31, 2015

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

On application made pursuant to Rule 4:38A and the Multicounty Litigation Guidelines promulgated by Directive # 08-12 in accordance with that Rule, it is ORDERED that all pending and future New Jersey state court actions alleging personal injuries resulting from treatment with **olmesartan medoxomil medications** is hereby designated as multicounty litigation ("MCL") for centralized case management purposes; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that any and all such complaints that have been filed in the various counties and that are under or are awaiting case management and/or discovery shall be transferred from the county of venue to Superior Court, Law Division, Atlantic County and assigned to Judge Nelson C. Johnson; and that, pursuant to N.J. Const. (1947), Art.VI, sec.2, par. 3, the provisions of Rule 4:3-2 governing venue in the Superior Court are supplemented and relaxed so that all future such complaints, no matter where they might be venued, shall be filed in Atlantic County and assigned to Judge Johnson; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Johnson shall oversee all management and trial issues for such cases and may, in his discretion, return such cases to the original county of venue for disposition; and

If is FURTHER ORDERED that no Mediator or Master may be appointed in this litigation without the express prior approval of the Chief Justice.

For the Court,

/s/ Stuart Rabner

Chief Justice

Dated: July 14, 2015