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**JUDGE ANN McCORMICK**

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

**CASE NO. 601**

**IN RE: ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

**CIVIL ACTION**

**APPLICABLE TO ALL CASES**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER**

**It appearing** that all asbestos cases are centralized for management in Middlesex County by Order of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, dated April 8, 2008;

**And it further** appearing that an equitable, economic and expedient resolution of these cases require an orderly management plan for this litigation; and therefore

**IT IS ON THIS** 10<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2008, **ORDERED** as follows:

**I. GENERAL APPLICABILITY**

1. This Order applies to all cases transferred to Middlesex County pursuant to the Supreme Court Order of April 8, 2008. The cases are centralized to avoid duplication and to prevent conflicts. These actions are not consolidated. Each case will retain its own docket number.
2. These cases shall be governed by the procedures utilized in Middlesex County asbestos litigation, as set forth in the General Order contained in the Manual for Asbestos Cases, found on the judiciary website at [www.judiciary.state.nj.us/mass-tort/asbestos/index.htm](http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/mass-tort/asbestos/index.htm).
3. All court files shall be transferred from the original vicinage of venue to the Middlesex County Mass Tort Clerk's Office as soon as practicable along with a list of all cases being transferred from the original vicinage.
4. All orders by transferor Courts imposing dates for pleadings or discovery are vacated.
5. All pleadings shall be filed with the Clerk – Mass Tort Litigation, Middlesex County Courthouse, P.O. Box 2690, 56 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. All pleadings shall include “Civil Action – Asbestos Litigation” in the caption.
6. Counsel for plaintiffs shall provide to the Court, either prior to or at the initial meeting scheduled on May 8, 2008, a list of their inventory of active cases, including case name, docket number, and a list of all parties in each case. For each defendant, counsel must be identified by name, firm name, address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Plaintiffs' counsel shall also advise the Court whether their inventory of cases may be consolidated either by trade/occupation or work site.

Furthermore, plaintiffs' counsel shall submit to the Court and serve on all defense counsel by June 2, 2008 Plaintiff's Initial Fact Sheet (Attachment A to the General Order).

7. Orders and notices common to the entire litigation are available on the Judiciary web page for Mass Tort Litigation, which may be accessed at [www.judiciary.state.nj.us/mass-tort/index.htm](http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/mass-tort/index.htm).

## **II. INITIAL MEETING WITH JUDGE McCORMICK**

The Honorable Ann G. McCormick will hold an in-person initial meeting on May 8, 2008 @ 10 a.m. at Middlesex County Courthouse, Courtroom 304, 56 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey. All counsel whose cases are subject to transfer to Middlesex County from their original vicinage, pursuant to the Supreme Court Order, dated April 8, 2008, shall attend.



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