

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

ORDER

It is ORDERED that, in the matter of all pending and future litigation relating to the drug Propulsid, all complaints that have been filed in the various counties and that are under case management or in discovery, or that are awaiting case management and discovery, are transferred from the county of venue to the Honorable Marina Corodemus of the Superior Court, Law Division, Middlesex County (Vicinage No. 8), effective immediately; and all future such complaints are to be filed in Middlesex County and assigned to Judge Corodemus for management purposes; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that venue in all pending Propulsid litigation is transferred to Middlesex County (Vicinage No. 8); and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Corodemus, with the assistance of Special Master Joyce M. Usiskin, previously appointed with approval of the Chief Justice, shall oversee all pretrial case management and discovery for such cases and shall decide when such cases are ready for trial in a venue to be determined; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that no Propulsid litigation shall be tried except on application to Judge Corodemus for good cause shown; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to N.J.Const. (1947), Art. VI, sec. 2, par. 3, that Rule 4:3-2, governing venue in Superior Court, is supplemented and relaxed so that all future complaints of this type, no matter where they might arise, are to be filed in Middlesex County (Vicinage No. 8);

The provisions of this Order are effective immediately and until further Order of the Court.

For the Court

/s/ Deborah T. Poritz

Chief Justice

Dated: September 11, 2000

[Designation of Propulsid Litigation as a Mass Tort](#)