

NOTICE TO THE BAR

RE: Decentralization of Diet Drug and Part of the Tobacco Litigation

Accompanying the publication of this Notice to the Bar are the following Orders:

1. [Supreme Court Order of February 28, 2002](#) terminating the Court's previous Order of October 14, 1997 which transferred all diet drug litigation to the Middlesex Vicinage for centralized management by Judge Marina Corodemus; and
2. [Supreme Court Order of February 28, 2002](#) terminating part of the Court's previous Order of October 14, 1997 which transferred all tobacco litigation to the Middlesex Vicinage for centralized management by Judge Corodemus. The attached Order expressly provides that Judge Corodemus will continue to handle three putative class actions involving light cigarettes. The names and docket numbers of those cases are specified in the Order.

Any new diet drug or tobacco cases should in the future be filed in the appropriate county of venue.

All questions relating to this matter should be directed to the following:

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ORDER 1

It is ORDERED that the Court's Order of October 14, 1997 transferring all pending and future Redux and Phen-Fen (diet drug) cases to the Middlesex Vicinage (Vicinage No. 8) for centralized case management and discovery purposes and assigning all such matters to Superior Court Judge Marina Corodemus, is hereby terminated.

For the Court
Deborah T. Poritz
Chief Justice
Dated: February 28, 2002

ORDER 2

It is ORDERED that the Court's Order of October 14, 1997 transferring all pending and future tobacco litigation to

the Middlesex Vicinage (Vicinage No. 8) for centralized case management and discovery purposes and assigning all such matters to Superior Court Judge Marina Corodemus is hereby terminated with the exception of the following matters which shall continue to be managed by Judge Corodemus: Cummis & Gesser v. Philip Morris, Docket No. MID-L-1526-99MT; Trombino v. R.J. Reynolds, Docket No. MID-L-11263-98MT and Lanterman v. Philip Morris, Docket No. MID-L-6542-99MT

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