

## NOTICE TO THE BAR

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### **RE: Redesignation of Redux/Phen-Fen Diet DrugLitigation for Centralized Case Management**

Accompanying the publication of this Notice to the Bar is a copy of the [Supreme Court's July 17, 2003 Order](#) redesignating all pending and future litigation statewide involving the diet drugs Redux and Phen-Fen for centralized case management and assigning these cases to the Honorable Charles J. Walsh in the Bergen Vicinage. Also accompanying this Notice is a copy of [Judge Walsh's Case Management Order](#).

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

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Administrative Director of the Courts  
Dated: August 4, 2003

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### **Diet Drug Litigation**

It is hereby ORDERED that, in the matter of all pending and future litigation involving damages or other relief arising out of the manufacture, sale, distribution and/or use of the diet drugs Redux and Phen-Fen, all complaints that have been filed in the various counties and that are under case management or in discovery or awaiting case management and discovery are transferred from the county of venue to Superior Court, Law Division, Bergen County (Vicinage No. 2), and assigned to Superior Court Judge Charles Walsh;

It is FURTHER ORDERED that venue in all existing such litigation as specified above is transferred to Bergen County (Vicinage No. 2); and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to N.J. Const. (1947), Art.VI, sec.2, par.3, Rule 4:3-2 governing venue in the Superior Court is supplemented and relaxed so that all future complaints seeking damages or other relief arising out of the manufacture, sale, distribution and/or use of the diet drugs Redux and Phen-Fen, no matter where they might be venued, shall be transferred to Bergen County (Vicinage No. 2) and assigned to Judge Walsh; and It is FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Walsh 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

It is FURTHER ORDERED that no Special Master may be appointed in this litigation without the express approval of

the Chief Justice.

For the Court

Chief Justice

Dated: July 17, 2003