

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

On application made pursuant to Rule 4:38A, it is hereby ORDERED that, all New Jersey state court actions currently pending in Essex County seeking damages or other relief against the Prudential Life Insurance Company of America and others involving alleged commercial bribery and other torts, though not designated as a mass tort, shall be assigned for centralized case management purposes to Superior Court, Law Division, Bergen County for handling by Superior Court Judge Brian R. Martinotti; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that any and all such complaints that have been filed in any other county shall be transferred to Superior Court, Law Division, Bergen County and assigned to Judge Martinotti; 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 such that all future such complaints, no matter where they might be venued, shall be filed in Bergen County and assigned to Judge Martinotti; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Martinotti shall oversee all management and trial issues in these matters; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that no Mediator or other 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: February 9, 2010