

NOTICE TO THE BAR

MULTICOUNTY LITIGATION (MCL) – PROPOSED CONCLUSION OF LEVAQUIN® MULTICOUNTY LITIGATION DESIGNATION

By Order of June 16, 2009, the Supreme Court designated all New Jersey state court Levaquin® litigation as mass tort and assigned that litigation for centralized management to Judge Carol E. Higbee in Atlantic County. By Order dated October 31, 2014, the litigation was transferred to Middlesex County Superior Court for handling by the then mass tort judge in that vicinage. The litigation is presently assigned to Superior Court Judge Bruce Kaplan. Judge Kaplan has reported to the Administrative Director of the Courts that with the exception of three remaining cases, all active Levaquin® cases have been resolved and that MCL designation and centralized management of that litigation should therefore be concluded.

Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of Court Rule 4:38A and Directive #02-19, "Multicounty Litigation Guidelines and Criteria for Designation (Revised)," this Notice is to advise of the proposed conclusion of the MCL designation and centralized management of the New Jersey state-court Levaquin® litigation.

Anyone wishing to comment on or object to this application should provide such comments or objections in writing, with relevant supporting documentation, by **October 10, 2021** to:

Hon. Glenn A. Grant
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts
Attention: Proposed Conclusion of Levaquin® MCL
Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 037
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0037

Comments/objections may also be sent by email to Comments.mailbox@njcourts.gov.

A copy of the Judge Kaplan's report and recommendation is posted with this Notice on the Judiciary website at www.njcourts.gov in the Multicounty Litigation Information Center (<https://www.njcourts.gov/attorneys/mcl/index.html>).



Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: September 7, 2021