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Hon. Philip S. Carchman, J.A.D.  
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**Re: Request for Designation of a Case as a Mass Tort**

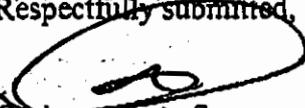
Dear Judge Carchman:

Further to our January 25, 2005 request for the Accutane litigation to be designated as a mass tort, we wanted to provide an update as to the number of cases currently pending in New Jersey. As you will recall, at the time of our request, there were approximately 68 total Accutane cases filed in New Jersey, with 62 cases pending before the Honorable Carol Higbee in Atlantic County and six cases pending before the Honorable Francine Schott in Essex County.

Presently, there are approximately 95 cases pending in New Jersey. All but six of those cases are pending in Atlantic County. In addition, we expect a substantial number of additional cases to be filed in the near future. It is important to note that two of the cases that were filed in Atlantic County subsequent to our January 25, 2005 request involve claims of psychiatric injuries.

For the reasons discussed in our January 25, 2005 request, along with the information contained above, plaintiffs, through their undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully request that all litigation, pending and subsequently filed, alleging damage arising from the ingestion of the acne drug Accutane, be consolidated as a mass tort to receive centralized case management.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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