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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION: BERGEN COUNTY

IN RE: YAZ®/YASMIN®/OCELLA®
PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION

CASE NO. 287

THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO ALL CASES

CIVIL ACTION

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 54
Census of Non-ATE Claims

This Court previously entered Case Management Order No. 52, which imposed certain deadlines on all cases that allege injury *other* than arterial thromboembolism (“ATE”) (collectively referred to herein as “Non-ATE Injury”). To further the goals of CMO 52, this Order requires registration of all filed cases and unfiled claims (collectively referred to herein as “Claims”) that allege a Non-ATE Injury after use of drospirenone-containing oral contraceptives manufactured by Bayer or manufactured or marketed by Barr Laboratories, Inc. or Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (collectively, “DCOCs”). For the avoidance of doubt, the term Non-ATE Injury includes venous thromboembolism and all other injury types not subject to identification pursuant to CMO 50.

This Order applies to all counsel who represent one or more plaintiffs in this Multicounty Litigation, In re: Yaz®/Yasmin®/Ocella® Product Liability Litigation, Case No. 287 (“Counsel”). This Order shall be entered in this Court’s master docket and counsel in individual cases that are part of this litigation shall further be notified electronically by Plaintiffs’ Lead and Liaison Counsel appointed by this Court within twenty-four (24) hours.

The Court hereby orders the registration of Claims as follows:

1. Primary Counsel (as defined below in Paragraph 2) shall register each and every Claim alleging a Non-ATE Injury after use of DCOCs, in which they currently have an Interest (as defined below in Paragraph 3), whether (a) pending in this proceeding, (b) pending in any other jurisdiction or tribunal in the United States, or (c) unfiled. All counsel subject to this Order shall list on the Census every claim alleging a Non-ATE Injury in which they currently have any Interest.
2. If a case has been filed by one law firm, Primary Counsel shall be the Counsel of Record. If a case has been filed by multiple firms, the firms filing such a case shall designate one firm among them as Primary Counsel. All Counsel in this proceeding shall be responsible for ensuring that all Claims alleging a Non-ATE Injury after use of DCOCs in which they have an Interest are registered by Primary Counsel in accordance with this Order, and shall coordinate with Primary Counsel to avoid duplicate registration of the same Claim by multiple Primary Counsel.
3. Counsel shall be deemed to have an "Interest" in a Claim alleging a Non-ATE Injury after use of DCOCs if Counsel or any person affiliated with, or related in any way to, Counsel: (a) has an engagement or retainer agreement with a person to represent that person in relation to an alleged Non-ATE Injury after use of DCOCs; (b) is listed as the Counsel of Record for a plaintiff in filed pleadings related to an alleged Non-ATE Injury after use of DCOCs; (c) has entered an appearance for a plaintiff in any legal action related to an alleged Non-ATE Injury after use of DCOCs; (d) would benefit directly or indirectly from any payment to settle any Claim connected with an alleged Non-ATE

Injury after use of DCOCs; or (e) otherwise has any financial interest of any kind whatsoever in any Claim related to an alleged Non-ATE Injury after use of DCOCs.

4. **Primary Counsel shall comply with this Order by 5 p.m. C.T. on Thursday, October 15, 2015.**

5. Primary Counsel shall register Claims by completing a “Non-ATE Census Spreadsheet,” the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and submitting it to Special Master Randi Ellis at ellis@pabmb.com and BHCP Liaison Jeremy Wieck at yaznonatecensus@shb.com. The “Census

Spreadsheet” shall include the following information in an excel file format:

- Column A: Last Name of Claimant¹;
- Column B: First Name of Claimant;
- Column C: Date of Birth of Claimant;
- Column D: State of Residence;
- Column E: Zip Code;
- Column F: Product Used (Yaz, Yasmin, Ocella, Gianvi, Beyaz, Safyral, Other, or Unknown);
- Column G: Product Used Within 30 Days of Injury (Yes/No);
- Column H: Injury Category (VTE, Non-ATE/Non-VTE Injury, or Unknown Injury);
- Column I: Alleged Specific Injury (Blank if Unknown);
- Column J: Date of Primary Injury;
- Column K: Age at Primary Injury;
- Column L: Injury Resulting in Death (Yes/No);
- Column M: Name of Primary Law Firm Representing Claimant;

¹ For death claims included in the census, “Claimant” is the decedent.

Column N: Filed Case (Yes/No);

Column O: Venue (MDL, CA, Phila, NJ, Other or N/A); and

Column P: Docket No. (Identify venue if “Other” venue selected).

Primary Counsel shall not modify the format or fields required by the Census Spreadsheet.

6. Submission of registration information under Paragraph 5 constitutes a representation to the Court that the information provided is true, complete and correct. The information provided in response to this Order shall be based on a “good faith” belief of all facts then known to Claimant’s Counsel, which in some instances may be derived solely from information provided by a Claimant or Claimant representative (if that is the only information in the possession of Claimant’s Counsel at that time), as opposed to a “good faith” belief derived from an independent review of medical records, if medical records in a particular case are not available for review at the time the information in response to this Order must be submitted.

7. The Court expects all Counsel to comply with this Order. The Special Master and the parties shall report to the Court regarding any Counsel who fails to comply with this Order. Subject to the limitations of the Court’s jurisdiction, failure to meet the requirements of this Order by the deadlines set herein may subject non-compliant Counsel to a show cause hearing or an Order directing Counsel to respond.

8. Nothing in this Order is designed to restrict the practice of law or to prevent Counsel from being retained by future clients who allege injuries that would be covered by this Order. This Order is limited to the identification of claims alleging a Non-ATE Injury in which they currently have any Interest as defined in Paragraph 3 above.

SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian R. Martinotti", written over a horizontal line.

Honorable Brian R. Martinotti, JSC

EXHIBIT A

