

NOTICE TO THE BAR

MASS TORTS – PROPOSED TERMINATION OF MASS TORT DESIGNATION OF ORTHO EVRA BIRTH CONTROL PATCH LITIGATION

By Order of October 10, 2006, the Supreme Court designated all New Jersey state-court Ortho Evra Birth Control Patch litigation as a mass tort and assigned it to Middlesex County for centralized case management by Superior Court Judge Bryan D. Garruto. On September 4, 2007, the Supreme Court reassigned all such matters to Superior Court Judge Jamie D. Happas, and subsequently on August 7, 2009, reassigned all such matters to Superior Court Judge Jessica R. Mayer. In accordance with the provisions of the “Revised Mass Tort Guidelines” (Directive #7-09) and *Rule* 4:38A, Judge Mayer has reported to the Administrative Director of the Courts that the bulk of this litigation has been concluded, with just three cases remaining active. On this basis, Judge Mayer recommends that the mass tort designation of the Ortho Evra Birth Control Patch litigation be terminated, although she would continue to handle the remaining three cases to their conclusion.

This Notice is to advise of the proposed termination of the mass tort designation of the New Jersey state-court Ortho Evra Birth Control Patch litigation. Any comments on or objections to these proposed actions must be submitted in writing, with relevant supporting documentation, to the Administrative Director of the Courts, P. O. Box 037, Trenton, NJ 08625-0037, **by January 28, 2011**. Comments or objections also may be submitted by e-mail to the following address: Comments.Mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us

Once this comment period has closed, the proposed termination of the mass tort designation will be submitted to the Supreme Court for its consideration and action.

/s/ Glenn A. Grant

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Dated: December 21, 2010