

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

PRESENT: THE HONORABLE BARBARA JACOBS ROTHSTEIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DATE: JULY 31, 2003

IN RE: PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE
(PPA) PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION

MDL NO. 1407

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actions

IN CHAMBERS PROCEEDING:

The court held a status conference in this matter today. The court instructed the Defendants to diligently pursue filing motions to dismiss for failure to comply with CMO 6, 13, and 15.

The court also instructed the parties that CMO 16 establishing a fee and cost trust account and procedures should be revised so that Defendants send funds to the trustee but shall be excluded from having to defend any challenges to the fee assessment.

The parties shall meet and confer regarding proposed criteria for remand of cases to the transferor courts. If the parties fail to agree on such criteria, each shall submit their proposals no later than September 12, 2003, with a hearing on the proposals tentatively set for October 9, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in Courtroom 710 at the United States District Court in Seattle, WA. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(2) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 53, the court designates United States Magistrate Judge Mary Alice Theiler as a Special Master to assist the Court in evaluating Petitions for Suggestion of Remand and any objections filed to said Petitions to determine whether cases are appropriate for remand.

Special Master Francis McGovern shall submit a proposed order regarding settlement procedures and timetables by August 15, 2003.

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