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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

ORDER regarding filing of "DALKON SHIELD" & "ASBESTOS" cases with multiple plaintiffs

GENERAL ORDER

whereas, over the past year the court has ordered severance, into separate cases, of "Dalkon Shield" and "Asbestos" complaints where the original complaint included claims of numerous individual plaintiffs. Further, with few exceptions these claims should have initially been filed as distinct cases.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington shall reject any complaint filed in a "Dalkon Shield" or "Asbestos" case presented for filing with multiple plaintiffs unless counsel submits, along with the complaint, a motion requesting permission to take such action. Should such a motion be filed, it will be presented to the Court for consideration. The Clerk shall insure publication of copies of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this day of July, 1985.

MALTER T. MCGOVERN, CHIEF JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT