MINUTE ENTRY FALLON, J. **JUNE 27, 2007**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

MDL NO. 1355

IN RE: PROPULSID

PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

SECTION "L"

JUDGE FALLON

THIS RELATES TO ALL CASES

A monthly status conference was held on this date by telephone in the Chambers of Judge Eldon E. Fallon. At the conference, counsel reported to the Court on the topics set forth in Joint Report No. 55 of Plaintiffs' Liason Counsel (PLC) and Defendants' Liaison Counsel (DLC).

I. State Liaison Counsel/MDL Resolution Program II

The enrollment requirements have been met for the State Settlement Program (Propulsid II). Defendants have requested that the PLC and State Liaison Committee (SLC) sign off on the Escrow Accounts. The Defendants are prepared to fund the various funds. Members of the PLC and DLC are currently conducting weekly discussions regarding the matter.

II. Trust Account

There have been no deposits in the Trust Account since the last status conference.

III. MDL Mediation and Resolution Program

The Special Master reported that 707 Tier I, II, and III claims have been submitted to the medical panel for review. Of these 707 claims, 557 have been treated on an expedited basis. 6 of the submitted tiered claims have been found eligible by the panel. 116 submitted claims are

JS10(0:15)

Filed 06/27/2007

still in the review process, with 114 of these considered expedited by the Defendants. 558 have been found not eligible.

The weekly telephone conference with the Special Master, PLC, DLC and SLC continues to take place to discuss issues regarding the Resolution Program.

IV. **Pro se Plaintiffs**

On January 23, 2007, the Court held a hearing on the Defendants' Motion to Show Cause regarding pro se plaintiffs who have not enrolled in the Settlement Program, at which time the Court ordered the non-enrolled pro se plaintiffs dismissed. Defendants have submitted a list of pro se plaintiffs to be dismissed to the SLC and PLC for final review.

V. Emergency Motion for Distribution of Attorney's Fees

The PLC reported that the Motion for Common Benefit Fees and Expenses Reimbursements filed by Dumas & Associates Law Corporation is expected to be further resolved upon the filing of the next fee application. The PLC further stated that it is attempting to resolve Daniel Becnel's Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's Order and Reasons regarding the Emergency Motion for Distribution of Attorney's Fees. The hearing on this motion is on August 29, 2007.

Liason's Counsel Motion for Equitable Administration of the Settlement VI. Agreement

The PLC filed a sealed Motion for Equitable Administration of the Settlement Agreement on February 7, 2007, regarding modification of the process in which claims are approved or denied by the medical panel. Defendants filed a sealed Motion for Judicial Declaration regarding Propulsid II on March 13, 2006. The PLC and the DLC stated that they have reached an agreement on these issues and expect to sign the agreement in the next few days.

Patricia Barnes v. Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (CA No. 06-2001) VII.

On June 5, 2007, the Court issued an order denying Plaintiffs' renewal of a motion for remand.

VIII. Next Pretrial Status Conference

The next status conference will be held by telephone on July 25, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Dialin information for participation will be posted on the Propulsid MDL website prior to the conference.

