

**SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
JCCP 004032**

1 Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2004		DEPT. SE D	
HONORABLE DANIEL SOLIS PRATT	Judge	S. LITTLE	Deputy Clerk
T. Hernandez	Courtroom Assistant	S. LOPEZ #5154	Court Reporter
9:00 am	JCCP004032	Plaintiff Counsel	PAUL KIESEL (X)
	IN RE: DIET DRUG CASES	Defendant Counsel	ELIZABETH FLATLEY (X) DAVID SAPIENZA (X) ANDREW T. RYAN (X) BRENT W. CALDWELL (X)

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS:

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND PHARMACY DEFENDANTS EX-PARTE APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER SHORTENING TIME TO HEAR MOTION TO BIFURCATE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND PHARMACY DEFENDANT FROM TRIALS;

The matter is called for hearing.

The Court has read and considered the moving papers. There is no written or oral opposition to defendants' ex-parte application or the motion to bifurcate.

The Court grants defendants' motion to bifurcate.

Healthcare providers and pharmacy defendants in the six matters set for trial on October 4, 2004 are bifurcated and stayed. The healthcare providers and pharmacy defendants are not bound by the trial management orders issued in conjunction with the trial date of October 4, 2004.

Order signed and filed.

Ms. Flatley to give notice.