

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

4 Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2004			<b>DEPT. SE D</b>
HONORABLE DANIEL SOLIS PRATT	Judge	S. LITTLE	Deputy Clerk
T. Hernandez	Courtroom Assistant	S. LOPEZ #5154	Court Reporter
<b>10:00 am</b>	JCCP004032	Plaintiff Counsel	SEE BELOW
	IN RE: DIET DRUG CASES	Defendant Counsel	

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: **GENERAL STATUS CONFERENCE**

**Appearing on behalf of the plaintiffs: Paul R. Kiesel, Carlos Prietto, Peter Holt, Ellen Presby, Douglas Robins, Peter Gezoukian and John Elstead (telephonic appearance).**

**Appearing on behalf of the defendants: Stuart Gordon, David Stanley, David Sapienza, Barbara Reardon, Elizabeth Flatley, Timothy Bradford, Jennifer Cummings, Mark Spooner, Wayne Wolff, Melissa Fink, Jeffrey Lauridsen, Meriam Alrashid, Frank Kurasz, Carol Wong, Brent Caldwell, Laura Schmidt, David Reid, Andrew Ryan, Harmon Levine, David Arkuss, Judith Alvarado, Aileen Rodriguez, Richard Crites, Pascale Gagnon-Morris, Susan Foe (telephonic appearance), Stephen Yurcich (telephonic appearance), Doug Lewis(telephonic appearance) and Lisa Ungerer (telephonic appearance).**

**The matter is called for hearing.**

**The Court has read and considered documents filed by plaintiff liaison counsel and counsel for defendant Wyeth.**

**Plaintiffs' counsel's request to consolidate the six cases chosen for trial into two groups of three cases each and defense counsels' opposition to the request, is heard and argued. Court denies plaintiffs' request as reflected in the notes of the official court reporter.**

**Counsel are in agreement that an extension of time to select the second phase of cases to be set for trial is necessary, but are unable to agree on the length of the extension. After hearing suggestions and oral argument by counsel, the Court grants**

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**a 60 day extension. The August 23, 2004 dead line to submit cases to the Court is advanced to this date and extended to October 25, 2004. All other dates in Case Management Order #20 are extended by 60 days.**

**Counsel for Wyeth represent they are trying to negotiate with plaintiffs' counsel, specifically, the Baron & Budd Law Firm, for an inclusion of individual current and ex-Wyeth employees and pharmaceutical company sales representatives who have been named in various cases. Ellen Presby, of Baron & Budd agrees to a compromise that will protect the interest of her clients.**

**The Court orders all actions regarding current and/or ex-Wyeth employees, and any pharmaceutical company sales representatives that have been named in any complaints filed under this action, stayed. This includes those above mentioned defendants who have been served and not answered, served and answered and those who have not been served.**

**Barbara Reardon, Health Care Provider liaison counsel, renews her objections to Case Management Order #19, and expresses concerns of not being involved in the meet and confer sessions between plaintiff liaison counsel and Wyeth counsel regarding the upcoming cases set for trial.**

**The Court will meet and confer with Health Care Provider, Pharmacy and Plaintiff liaison counsel regarding health care provider and pharmacy defendants.**

**Status conference re: cases set for trial on October 4, 2004 is set 9-27-2004, at 10:00 a.m., in this department.**

**Plaintiff liaison counsel, Paul Kiesel, to prepare the necessary orders and give notice.**