

## **Asbestos Litigation**

Directive #4-86  
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Pursuant to the Order of April 8, 1987, centralized judicial management and control of asbestos litigation on a statewide or regional basis [are] no longer necessary. Accordingly, each assignment judge of those vicinages in which asbestos litigation constitutes a "significant number" of pending cases must designate one or more judges to be responsible for the management of such cases within the vicinage.

The Order of April 8, 1987 further provides:

that the designated asbestos litigation judges must issue a model or standard case management order for asbestos litigation, to ensure the uniform management of such cases within each vicinage;

that the designated asbestos litigation judges should develop general management guidelines suggesting calendaring priorities, in order to prevent or resolve scheduling conflicts; and

that the designated asbestos litigation judges shall confer among themselves to facilitate coordinated and consistent management of asbestos cases.

Please advise the Chief Justice, with copies to me, of the number of pending asbestos cases in your vicinage and of the judge or judges you have designated to manage such cases.

### **EDITOR-S NOTE**

This directive was addressed to all Assignment Judges.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the directive rescinding Directive #6-83 have been deleted and the final paragraph has been modified so as to delete the date for notification of pending asbestos cases. Notification of pending asbestos cases has continued indefinitely.