

NOTICE TO THE BAR

DESIGNATION OF NEW JERSEY STATE-COURT LITIGATION INVOLVING MIRENA® CONTRACEPTIVE DEVICE AS MULTICOUNTY LITIGATION

A previous notice to the Bar requested comments on an application for multicounty litigation designation of all New Jersey State court litigation relating to the contraceptive device sold under the trade name Mirena. This Notice is to advise that the Supreme Court, after considering the application and comments received, has determined to designate litigation involving the Mirena contraceptive device as multicounty litigation and has assigned this MCL litigation to Bergen County for centralized case management by Superior Court Judge Brian R. Martinotti.

Published with this Notice is the Supreme Court's May 13, 2013 order. This order and Judge Martinotti's May 20, 2013 Initial Case Management Order are both posted on the Judiciary's Internet website (www.njcourts.com) in the Multicounty Litigation Information Center (<http://judiciary.state.nj.us/multicounty/index.htm>).

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Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.

Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: May 24, 2013

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

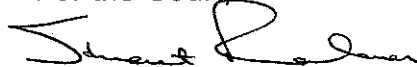
On application made pursuant to Rule 4:38A and the Multicounty Litigation Guidelines promulgated by Directive # 08-12 in accordance with that Rule, it is hereby ORDERED that all pending and future New Jersey state court actions arising out of the use of the Mirena contraceptive device are designated as multicounty litigation ("MCL") for centralized case management purposes; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that any and all such complaints that have been filed in the various counties and that are under or are awaiting case management and/or discovery shall be transferred from the county of venue to Superior Court, Law Division, Bergen County and assigned to Judge Brian R. Martinotti, and that, pursuant to N.J. Const. (1947), Art. VI, sec. 2, par. 3, the provisions of Rule 4:3-2 governing venue in the Superior Court are supplemented and relaxed so that all future such complaints, no matter where they might be venued, shall be filed in Bergen County and assigned to Judge Martinotti; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Martinotti shall oversee all management and trial issues for such cases and may, in his discretion, return such cases to the original county of venue for disposition; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that no Mediator or Master may be appointed in this litigation without the express prior approval of the Chief Justice.

For the Court



Chief Justice

Dated: May 13, 2013