

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: DIET DRUGS (PHENTERMINE/  
FENFLURAMINE/DEXFENFLURAMINE)  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

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MDL DOCKET NO. 1203

JEFFREE DAVIDSON, et al.

v.

AMERICAN HOME PRODUCTS  
CORPORATION, et al.

CA No.: 99-20595

IN RE: DIET DRUGS (PHENTERMINE/  
FENFLURAMINE/DEXFENFLURAMINE)  
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MDL DOCKET NO. 1203

JESSICA GOWAN, et al.

v.

AMERICAN HOME PRODUCTS  
CORPORATION, et al.

CA No.: 99-20330

IN RE: DIET DRUGS (PHENTERMINE/  
FENFLURAMINE/DEXFENFLURAMINE)  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

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MDL DOCKET NO. 1203

YVONNE LEACHET, et al.

v.

AMERICAN HOME PRODUCTS  
CORPORATION, et al.

CA No.: 99-20308

PRETRIAL ORDER #2000

AND NOW, TO WIT, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 2001, upon consideration  
of the motion of Van O'Steen, Esquire to withdraw as counsel for all Plaintiffs named in the

foregoing Civil Actions, IT IS ORDERED that withdrawal of counsel is permitted, subject to the following conditions:

1. Plaintiffs' counsel shall send a letter to each Plaintiff by certified mail that will include the following:

(a) a copy of this Order;

(b) a statement outlining to the Plaintiffs the importance of Plaintiffs proceeding on this case with counsel familiar with the law and the procedure in federal court of cases similar to this case;

(c) Plaintiffs' counsel's letter shall also provide that Plaintiffs shall have thirty (30) days from the date of this Order to secure new counsel if Plaintiff intends to proceed with counsel in this manner;

(d) Plaintiffs' counsel's letter shall also state that the court intends to grant present Plaintiffs' counsel's motion to withdraw at the expiration of the thirty (30) day period, and the case shall proceed on its normal trial schedule whether or not Plaintiffs have secured new counsel;

(e) Plaintiffs' counsel may include any other matter that Plaintiffs' counsel believes is pertinent in the letters to Plaintiffs.

2. Plaintiffs' counsel shall file with the Clerk of Court within ten (10) days of the date of this Order a certificate that both evidences that Plaintiffs' counsel has complied with all of the foregoing requirements of this Order and states the Plaintiffs' law known addresses.

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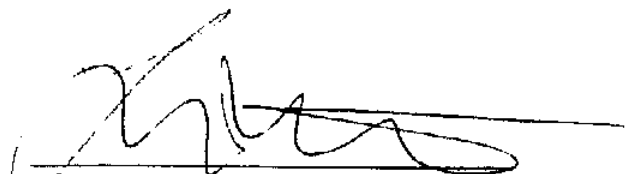
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3. Thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, provided all of the foregoing steps have been completed by Plaintiffs' counsel, Plaintiffs' counsel shall be deemed to be released from further responsibility to the court as counsel for Plaintiff in this civil action.

SO ORDERED.



LOUIS C. BECHTLE, J.