

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

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

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JOANNE ARMSTRONG :

v. :

AMERICAN HOME PRODUCTS :
CORPORATION, et al. :

CA No. 98-20579

FILED MAR 17 1999

PRETRIAL ORDER 512

AND NOW, TO WIT, this 17th day of March, 1999, upon
consideration of the motion of Moses Garcia, Esq. to withdraw as
counsel for Karen Pino only (docket #200623), IT IS ORDERED that
withdrawal of counsel is permitted, subject to the following
conditions:

1. Plaintiff's counsel shall send a letter to the
plaintiff by certified mail that will include the following:
 - (a) a copy of this Order;
 - (b) a statement outlining to plaintiff the
importance of plaintiff proceeding on this case with counsel
familiar with the law and the procedure in the federal court of
cases similar to this case;
 - (c) plaintiff's counsel's letter shall also
provide that plaintiff 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;

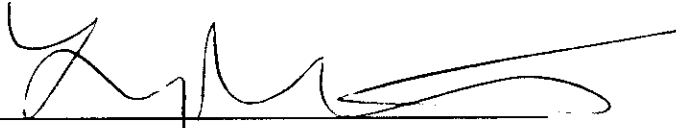
(d) plaintiff's counsel's letter shall also state that the court intends to grant present plaintiff's counsel's motion to withdraw at the expiration of the thirty (30) day period, and the case shall proceed on its normal trial schedule whether or not plaintiff has secured new counsel;

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

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

3. Thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, provided all of the foregoing steps have been completed by plaintiff's counsel, plaintiff's 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.

ENTERED: 3-18-99

CLERK OF COURT