

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

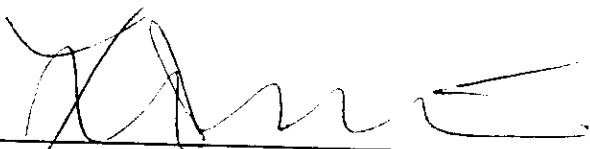
IN RE: DIET DRUGS : MDL DOCKET NO. 1203
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DEXFENFLURAMINE) PRODUCTS :
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PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 574

AND NOW, TO WIT, this 20th day of April, 1999, it is ORDERED that the parties are hereby advised of the availability of the MDL 1203 Pretrial Order Email Notification System ("PENS"). PENS, a new feature of the MDL 1203 Web Site (www.fenphen.cilp.org), permits users to receive Email notification when the text of Pretrial Orders are posted to the website. The court also advises counsel of the MDL 1203 Web Site's new use of Portable Document Format ("PDF"), which will allow web users to view and print documents in their entirety, rather than a page at a time. Both of these new features are described in Exhibit A to this Pretrial Order. Exhibit A was drafted by the Center for Information Law and Policy, which administers the MDL 1203 Web Site. Questions about these new web site features, or about the MDL 1203 Web Site generally, should be directed to Brett M. Amdur, Director of the Center for

Information Law and Policy, via Email at amdur@law.vill.edu.



LOUYS C. BECHTLE, J.

ENTERED: 4-21-98

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EXHIBIT A

ANNOUNCING NEW FEATURES ON THE MDL 1203 WEB SITE

The Center for Information Law and Policy ("CILP"), which administers the MDL 1203 Web Site, is pleased to introduce two new web site features:

I. The Pretrial Order Email Notification System ("PENS")

The Pretrial Order Email Notification System ("PENS") allows interested parties to receive an email notice each time a Pretrial Order is posted to the MDL 1203 Web Site. PENS automatically generates an email message each time an MDL 1203 Pretrial Order, or a group of Pretrial Orders, becomes available on the MDL 1203 Web Site. This email message is automatically sent to those who choose to subscribe to the PENS system. PENS sends the email the instant the Pretrial Order is uploaded to the MDL 1203 Web Site, so that subscribers receive nearly immediate notice when a Pretrial Order becomes available on the MDL 1203 Web Site.

An email from PENS will look like this:

The following Pretrial Order(s) has(have) been uploaded to the MDL 1203 Web Site:

Pretrial ORDER NO. 400 THE MOTION OF THE PLFF TO AMEND THE COMPLAINT WILL BE GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENT, THAT THE COMPLAINT SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS ORDER, ETC. (SIGNED BY JUDGE LOUIS C. BECHTLE)12/11/98 ENTERED AND COPIES MAILED AND FAXED. applies to CA 98-20499. (aa)[Entry date 12/11/98]
link:http://www.fenphen.cilp.org/db/fenphen/image_shower.icl?id_number=2468&page=1

Pretrial ORDER NO. 401 MOTION OF THE PLFF TO AMEND THE COMPLAINT WILL BE GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENT, THAT THE COMOPLAINT SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS ORDER, ETC. (SIGNED BY JUDGE LOUIS C.BECHTLE)12/11/98 ENTERED AND COPIESMAILED AND FAXED. applies to CA 98-20500. (aa)[Entry date 12/11/98]
link:http://www.fenphen.cilp.org/db/fenphen/image_shower.icl?id_number=2469&page=1

The "link" portion of the description of each Pretrial Order in the email contains the address on the World Wide Web where users can go to view the Pretrial Order. For users with modern email systems, the "link" portion of the email message will be a clickable link in the email. Clicking on the link in the email will automatically cause the Pretrial Order to be displayed in a

web browser on the user's computer screen. Users without modern email systems can simply cut and paste the web address into a web browser, or retype the address in the web browser, to view the document.

In almost all cases, Pretrial Orders will be posted on the MDL 1203 Web Site within 24 hours of the time that they are entered on the MDL 1203 docket. Please note that, on occasion, there are delays between the day on which a Pretrial Order is actually filed and the day on which the Pretrial Order is entered on the MDL 1203 docket.

While parties are encouraged to subscribe to PENS, participation is completely voluntary. Subscribing to PENS is easy. To subscribe, go to the web site (<http://www.fenphen.cilp.org>) and click on the "PENS" link at the top of the page. You will then find simple instructions for subscribing. Anyone with an email address, including any member of the public, may subscribe to PENS. The PENS service is completely free of charge.

II. Portable Document Format ("PDF")

Beginning with Pretrial Order 500, all Pretrial Orders will be posted on the MDL 1203 Web Site in Adobe Systems Incorporated's Portable Document Format ("PDF"). In the past, in almost all cases Pretrial Orders were available only in an "imaged" file format that required users to view and print each page of the Pretrial Order separately. PDF format allows users to view and print an entire Pretrial Order at once. PDF format also significantly improves the quality of the text that appears on a user's computer screen. Some web site visitors will be required to install free software on their computers in order to use PDF files. Instructions for obtaining the free software are available at the MDL 1203 Web Site. The site will continue to provide Pretrial Orders in imaged file formats in addition to the PDF file formats.

Finally, parties should be advised that recent upgrades to the MDL 1203 Web Site have significantly improved web site reliability and speed. New systems are also in place for further assuring that updates to the web site docket occur in a timely fashion.

Questions about PENS, PDF, or any other feature of the MDL 1203 Web Site, should be directed via email to Brett Amdur, Director of the Center for Information Law and Policy, at amdur@law.vill.edu