

**UNITED STATE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

In re: AVANDIA MARKETING SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION	§ § § § § § §	AVANDIA MDL 1871 2007-MD-1871 HON. CYNTHIA M. RUFE
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: ALL ACTIONS	§ § §	

AMENDED PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 153

The Webster Law Firm, with the support of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee, has filed a Motion to Increase the Gross Award Threshold Amount For Participation in The Small Estate Procedures, which Defendant GlaxoSmithKline (“GSK”) does not oppose. After careful consideration of the Motion, the Court has determined that the proposed increase threshold amount will facilitate the release of settlement funds through a simple, uniform, and cost-effective Small Estate Procedure (the “SEP”) for claims submitted on behalf of deceased claimants (including deceased derivative claimants). This order therefore is issued pursuant to the Court’s authority to direct and control the pretrial proceedings in this litigation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16. **AND NOW**, this 1st day of March, 2013, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Motion is **GRANTED** as Follows:

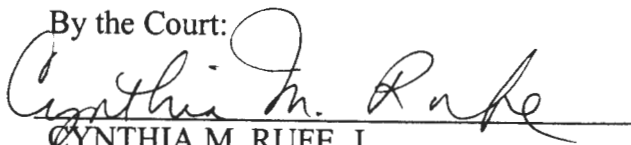
1. *Claimants Affected by this Order.* This Order applies to all claims where the claimant is deceased and where, for claimants who died testate, the gross settlement amount does not exceed \$65,000 and for claimants who died intestate,

the gross settlement amount does not exceed \$50,000. Counsel for each claimant whose claim is to be process pursuant to the SEP shall provide confidentially to the Court a written declaration identifying the claimant, which will constitute prima facie proof that the claimant is entitled to payment pursuant to the SEP.

2. **Payment Procedures.** The Payment Procedures as outlined in PreTrial Order 153 are not affected by this order.
3. **Confidentiality Not Affected by this Order.** All confidentiality provisions set forth in each MSA shall remain in full force and effect.
4. **Disputes Resolution.** Should any dispute arise regarding the applicability of this Order to an individual claimant, either party may file under seal an appropriate motion for consideration by the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 14, 2013

By the Court:

CYNTHIA M. RUFÉ, J.