

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

IN RE: AVANDIA MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION	:	
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	:	MDL No. 1871
	:	07-MD-01871-CMR
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**THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO:
ALL ACTIONS**

PRE-TRIAL ORDER NO. 103

By prior Order of this Court, sixteen (16) members of the Plaintiffs' bar were selected and appointed to form the Plaintiff's Steering committee [PSC], each of whom are charged with the duties and responsibilities outlined in this Court's Case Management Order No. 1 [MDL Docket No. 07-MD-1871]. Counsel named to the PSC were appointed contemporaneously with the appointment of Liaison Counsel, whose specific duties and responsibilities are also defined by CMO No. 1.

In the exercise of this Court's supervisory and management authority over the composition and fulfillment of duties assigned to the PSC, and in consideration of recent notification to this Court of pending settlements of certain PSC members' cases, the Court hereby notifies all present members of the PSC that unless and until each member, has, in writing, requested of this Court to be relieved of his/her appointment to the PSC, and this Court has granted the request, each member will continue to perform his/her function in the PSC as required by such appointment.

Nevertheless, in recognition of the stellar contributions to the PSC each member has

made to date, and with the full expectation that personnel changes are inevitable as the MDL progresses to hearings and bellwether trials, which are scheduled for October, 2010 and to additional settlements, the Court desires a smooth transition of both the leadership and active composition of the PSC as it may become necessary. We, therefore, direct the following, effective immediately:

1. Any present member of the PSC who desires to be relieved of his/her appointment must submit to the Court, in writing within 21 days from the date of this Order, its request, which must be accompanied by a detailed list of duties, functions and/or tasks as yet unfulfilled and owing to the PSC, along with a proposal for completion of tasks and/or functions, and a proposed timetable necessary for their completion;
2. The Court invites application from attorneys for future appointments to the PSC. Applications shall be accepted from all interested plaintiffs counsel who so qualify. Preferential consideration for additional PSC positions will be given to those attorneys who have been actively involved in the MDL litigation to date. Applications must be received by the Court no later than July 15, 2010.

The Court fully expects all counsel to conduct themselves in an appropriate and productive manner to facilitate the efficient functioning of the MDL.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Cynthia M. Rufe

CYNTHIA M. RUFÉ, J.