

NOTICE TO THE BAR

MULTICOUNTY LITIGATION (MCL) – PROPOSED CONCLUSION OF MULTIPLE MCL DESIGNATIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of Court Rule 4:38A and Directive #02-19, “Multicounty Litigation Guidelines and Criteria for Designation (Revised),” this Notice is to advise of the proposed conclusion of MCL designations of New Jersey state-court litigation involving the following: (1) DePuy ASR™ Hip Implants; (2) Stryker Rejuvenate Hip Stems and the ABG II Modular Hip Stems; (3) Stryker LFIT CoCR Femoral Heads; and (4) Pinnacle Metal-on-Metal (MoM) Hip Implants.

DePuy ASR™ Hip Implants: By order dated April 18, 2011, the Supreme Court designated all New Jersey state court litigation involving DePuy ASR™ Hip Implants to be multicounty litigation (MCL) and assigned to Judge Brian R. Martinotti in Bergen County for centralized management. By order dated April 5, 2023, the MCL was reassigned to Judge Gregg A. Padovano. Judge Padovano has reported to the Administrative Director of the Courts that all state court litigation has concluded and recommends the MCL designation be concluded.

Stryker Rejuvenate Hip Stems and the ABG II Modular Hip Stems: By order dated January 15, 2013, the Supreme Court designated all New Jersey state court litigation involving Stryker Rejuvenate Hip Stems and the ABG II Modular Hip Stems to be designated as MCL and assigned to Judge Brian R. Martinotti in Bergen County. By order dated July 22, 2016 the MCL was transferred to Judge Rachelle L. Harz. By order dated April 5, 2023, the MCL was transferred to Judge Gregg A. Padovano. Judge Padovano has reported to the Administrative Director of the Courts that there is presently one case pending and defense counsel has indicated a readiness to remove MCL designation due to a lack of volume. Judge Padovano recommends the MCL designation be concluded.

Stryker LFIT CoCR Femoral Heads: By order dated May 16, 2017, the Supreme Court designated all New Jersey state court litigation involving Stryker LFIT CoCR Femoral Heads as MCL and assigned it to Judge Rachelle L. Harz in Bergen County for centralized management. By order dated April 5, 2023, the MCL was reassigned to Judge Gregg A. Padovano. Judge Padovano has reported to the Administrative Director of the Courts that all

state court litigation has concluded and recommends the MCL designation be concluded.

Pinnacle Metal-on-Metal (MoM) Hip Implants: By order dated June 7, 2023, the Supreme Court designated all New Jersey state court litigation involving Pinnacle Metal-on-Metal (MoM) Hip Implants as MCL and assigned it to Judge Rachelle L. Harz in Bergen County for centralized management. By order dated June 1, 2023, the MCL was reassigned to Judge Gregg A. Padovano. Judge Padovano has reported to the Administrative Director of the Courts that all state court litigation has concluded and recommends the MCL designation be concluded.

Anyone wishing to comment on or object to the recommendations to conclude should provide such comments or objections in writing, with relevant supporting documentation, by **September 28, 2026** to:

Michael J. Blee
Administrative Director of the Courts
Attention: Proposed Conclusion of MCLs
Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 037
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Comments/objections may also be sent by email to
Comments.mailbox@njcourts.gov.

A copy of the Judge Padovano's reports and recommendations are posted with this Notice on the Judiciary website at www.njcourts.gov in the MCL Information Center (<https://www.njcourts.gov/attorneys/multicounty-litigation>).



Michael J. Blee
Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: August 28, 2026