

NOTICE TO THE BAR

MASS TORTS – TERMINATION OF MASS TORT DESIGNATIONS OF THE (1) VIOXX LITIGATION AND (2) BEXTRA/CELEBREX LITIGATION

In accordance with Court Rule 4:38A and the Revised Mass Tort Guidelines as promulgated by Directive #10-07, a previous Notice to the Bar sought comments on the requests of Superior Court Judge Carol E. Higbee for termination of the mass tort designations and centralized management of (1) the Vioxx Litigation and (2) the Bextra/Celebrex Litigation. This Notice is to advise that the Supreme Court, after considering the requests and having received no comments, has terminated the mass tort designations and centralized management of all pending and future state-court litigation involving the drug Vioxx and all pending and future state-court litigation involving the drugs Bextra and Celebrex.

Accordingly, published with this Notice are the Court's October 26, 2010 Orders. Both orders also are posted on the Judiciary's Internet website (www.njcourtsonline.com) in the Mass Tort Information Center (<http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/mass-tort/index.htm>).

Questions concerning the Court's termination of the mass tort designations and centralized management of the Vioxx Litigation and the Bextra/Celebrex Litigation may be directed to Taironda E. Phoenix, Esq., Staff Attorney, Civil Practice Division, Administrative Office of the Courts, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 981, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0981; telephone (609) 292-8471; email address taironda.phoenix@judiciary.state.nj.us.

/s/ Glenn A. Grant

Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: November 16, 2010

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the Court's Order of May 20, 2003 designating all pending and future New Jersey state-court civil litigation involving the drug Vioxx as a mass tort and transferring all such existing and future cases to Atlantic County (Vicinage 1) for centralized case management and discovery purposes is hereby terminated.

For the Court,

/s/ Stuart Rabner

Chief Justice

Dated: October 26, 2010

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the Court's Order of December 6, 2005 designating all pending and future New Jersey state-court civil litigation involving the drugs Bextra and Celebrex as a consolidated mass tort and transferring all such existing and future cases to Atlantic County (Vicinage 1) for centralized case management and discovery purposes is hereby terminated.

For the Court,

/s/ Stuart Rabner

Chief Justice

Dated: October 26, 2010