

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

IN RE: CHANTIX
(VARENICLINE) PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION

Master File No.: 2:09-CV-2039-IPJ
MDL No. 2092

This Order Relates To:

ALL CASES

ORDER

The Fee Committee of the Plaintiffs' Leadership Structure ("PLS") by and through Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel having filed a Motion for Payment of Common Benefit Held Costs and Attorneys' Fees filed under seal, and the court having considered said motion and being of the opinion said motion is due to be granted;

It is therefore **ORDERED** by the Court that said motion be and hereby is **GRANTED**. The CPA for MDL 2092, Claude H. Estes, IV is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. To make payments from the MDL 2092 Expense Fund to the member firms of the PLS for their respective amounts of allowable held costs as detailed in his audit report;
2. To pay his own invoices and the income tax liability for both MDL Funds from the MDL 2092 Expense Fund;

3. To pay any remaining funds in the MDL 2092 Fee and Expense Funds as common benefit attorneys' fees and distribute the funds per the Court's Order (doc. 910) and according to the pro-rata schedule in Plaintiffs' Memorandum of Law in Support of Assented to Motion for Interim Payment of Common Benefit Attorneys' Fees (doc. 909) and to close both the MDL 2029 Fee and Expense Funds.

To facilitate future distributions of common benefit assessments, the Defendant is **ORDERED** to pay all remaining assessments directly to Lead Counsel to be distributed as common benefit attorneys' fees per the pro-rata schedule in Plaintiffs' Memorandum of Law in Support of Assented to Motion for Interim Payment of Common Benefit Attorneys' Fees (doc. 909).

DONE and **ORDERED** this 24th day of September, 2014.



INGE PRYTZ JOHNSON
SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE