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

IN RE: DIET DRUGS (Phentermine/
Fenfluramine/Dexfenfluramine)
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION :

MDL Docket No. 1203

FILED

FEB 19 1999

By MICHAEL E. KUNZ, Clerk
Dep. Clerk

PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 474

The Court hereby directs that the provisions of Pretrial Order No. 127 which appointed J. Allen Schreiber, Esquire as Liaison Counsel for Diet Center Defendants is hereby vacated, the Court being informed that the cases against his client having largely been resolved.

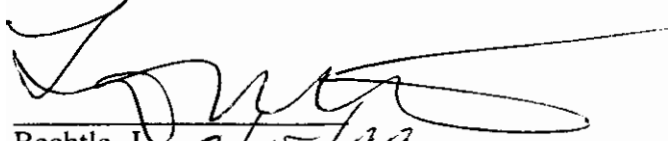
The Court finds that a need exists to appoint liaison counsel to coordinate the manner in which the Court's orders, directives and other communications from the Court and the Special Discovery Master are disseminated to Diet Center Defendants in MDL cases assigned to this Court, or which were filed directly in this district, due to the large number of orders and Special Discovery Master communications which are generated, the need for prompt and reliable dissemination of such items, the large number of such defendants, and the relative lack of resources within the Clerk's office to accomplish such dissemination.

Gerald J. Valentini, Esquire, of Deasey, Mahoney & Bender, counsel of record for one or more alleged "Diet Center" Defendants, has moved that he be appointed as liaison counsel.

The Court hereby appoints Gerald J. Valentini, Esquire as Liaison Counsel for Diet Center Defendants.

The provisions of Pretrial Order Nos. 127 and 175 outlining the duties of Liaison Counsel remain in effect.

BY THE COURT:


Bechtle, J. 2/18/99