

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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LETTER TO COUNSEL

In Re: Actos (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation  
Case No. 6:11-md- 2299

Welcome to the Western District of Louisiana; we look forward to working with you in a true spirit of cooperation, professionalism, and perhaps innovation. With this letter, we hope to answer some of your immediate questions.

Due to the nature and size of this MDL, there have been a number of important developments since its inception of which all counsel need to be aware. To ensure that you get the most essential information, please contact either the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee (PSC) Liaison Counsel, Patrick Morrow, or the member of the PSC who has been appointed to represent the state where your case originated. Contact information for either can be found on the website that this Court has set up for MDL No. 2299, at <http://www.lawd.uscourts.gov/welcome-mdl-no2299>.

The website is updated regularly with orders, schedules, contacts, and any other information parties might need to participate fully and effectively in the MDL proceedings. The "News & Notes" page provides the latest and most relevant MDL updates, and interested parties can sign up to receive an email notification whenever something new is posted to it. Counsel are encouraged to check the site periodically to ensure that they receive the latest updates.

All counsel in this MDL are subject to any orders that this Court has issued thus far. Those orders can be found on the MDL website. Your PSC representative is also available to explain any of the special procedures that have been created, as well as the status of the MDL and any deadlines that are pending.

Specific requirements and procedures have been established to govern filings in this MDL. Among these is the requirement that all of plaintiffs' collective filings be made through PSC members, unless the Court grants express permission for a non-PSC member to file. Additionally, plaintiffs' counsel who are not members of the PSC will receive Notices of Electronic Filing from the PSC Liaison Counsel rather than the Clerk of Court. It is therefore necessary for all counsel to ensure that Mr. Morrow has their most current contact information.

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In the interest of encouraging cooperation and coordination, and in order to ensure that all parties feel included throughout the ongoing MDL process, this Court holds a Status Conference at open court on either the third or fourth Thursday of each month, as practicable. The Conferences begin promptly at 10:30 am, Central Time. Counsel not in attendance may listen in via teleconference, which is coordinated by the PSC.

In an effort to give you as much advance notice as possible – as we are aware that, although our food is excellent, our people friendly, and our area rich in culture, our airport is small by city standards – we are providing the anticipated dates of the upcoming monthly Status Conferences. The anticipated Status Conference dates for the remainder of 2014 and for 2015 are:

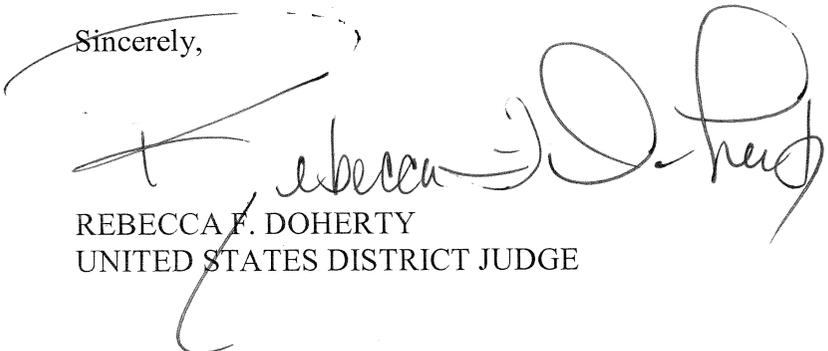
<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
November 20	January 22
December 18	February 26
	March 26
	April 23
	May 21
	June 25
	July 23
	August 20
	September 24
	October 22
	November 29
	December 17

Please note that these dates are subject to change; any changes will be reflected on the MDL website.

We hope that this letter and the MDL website can answer most, if not all, of your initial questions. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact your PSC representative or the PSC Liaison Counsel.

We look forward to working with you on this case and are truly excited about the opportunities this case presents for us all.

Sincerely,



REBECCA F. DOHERTY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE