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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

In Re: Actos (Pioglitazone) Products  
Liability Litigation

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MDL No. 6:11-md-2299

JUDGE DOHERTY

This Document Applies to:  
All Cases

MAGISTRATE JUDGE HANNA

FIRST GENERAL ORDER - ALL ACTIONS

It appearing that the matter transferred to this Court by order of the Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation pursuant to its order of December 29, 2011, hereinafter referred to as MDL 6:11-md-2299 ACTOS (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation as well as any cases deemed by this Court or the Multidistrict Litigation Panel as "Related cases", merit special attention as complex litigation, it is therefore, ORDERED that:

**1. APPLICABILITY OF ORDER** - This First General Order shall govern prior to the entry of the Comprehensive Management Order (CMO), and supplement the CMO thereafter. The provision of this Order shall govern the practice and procedure in all actions originating within or deemed by this Court or the MDL Panel to be Related to the MDL 6:11-md-2299 ACTOS (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation. This Order shall issue in all cases once deemed by the MDL Panel or this Court to be Related.

**2. RELATED CASES** - Any matters deemed Related by the MDL Panel or this Court to the MDL 6:11-md-2299 ACTOS (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation shall be governed by this Order and the CMO, as well as all future orders of the court issued in the MDL 6:11-md-2299 ACTOS (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation, unless otherwise specified by the Court.

3. **STAY** - Pending issuance of the CMO and further orders of this Court, all outstanding discovery proceedings and requests are stayed, and no further discovery shall be initiated except pursuant to the CMO.

4. **ORDERS** - Any threshold protective orders entered by any transferor District Court, shall remain in full force and effect unless or until modified by this Court or addressed in the CMO.

5. **MOTIONS** - All motions filed and pending before the transferor Court are deemed premature, and must be re-filed, if appropriate, pursuant to the provisions of the CMO once issued, and with proper heading and caption as discussed in paragraph 6. Motions, properly re-filed, will be determined upon the briefs filed; oral argument will not be held except by order of the Court and upon such notice as the Court may direct.

Any time sensitive threshold filings or motions, may be re-filed, if appropriate, with the proper caption and designation, with a specific affirmation as to why the filing is time sensitive and threshold in nature and, need not await issuance of the CMO; ONLY time sensitive threshold issues may be so filed before the CMO is in place.

Filings must be electronic, as discussed in paragraph 7, with a courtesy copy being provided to Magistrate Judge Hanna at [hanna\\_md\\_orders@lawd.uscourts.gov](mailto:hanna_md_orders@lawd.uscourts.gov).

6. **MASTER DOCKET FILE** - The Clerk of Court will maintain a Master Docket case file under the style "In Re: Actos (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation" and the identification "MDL No. 6:11-md-2299". When a pleading is intended to be applicable to all actions, whether within the initial MDL assigned, transferred, tag-along, or direct filed cases deemed Related to the MDL, the filing shall note: "This Document Relates to All Cases." When a pleading is intended to apply to less than all MDL and Related cases, this Court's docket number for each individual case

to which the document number relates shall appear immediately after the words: “This Document Relates to”. The following is a sample of the pleading style:

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(“All Actions” or specify by title and case	*	
number the individual applicable cases if the	*	
documents relates to less than all of the	*	
consolidated cases.)	*	

**7. FILING** - All cases are subject to electronic filing. A courtesy copy of any filing shall be submitted to Magistrate Judge Hanna at [hanna\\_md1\\_orders@lawd.uscourts.gov](mailto:hanna_md1_orders@lawd.uscourts.gov). Information on electronic filing procedures is available on the court’s website: [www.lawd.uscourts.gov](http://www.lawd.uscourts.gov). All motions, pleadings, stipulations, and all other formal documents shall filed in the Master Docket, as well as the individual cases as referenced in paragraph 6.

**8. COUNSEL** - Counsel properly admitted and shown to be in good standing in the transferor districts need not file a motion for admission *pro hac vice* in these proceedings, however, **they must file a certificate of good standing with the initial filing.**

Counsel who file directly within the Western District of Louisiana in a case anticipated to be deemed Related to MDL 6:11-md-2299 ACTOS (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation need not file a motion for admission *pro hac vice*; however, **they must file a certificate of good standing with the initial filing.**

The *pro hac vice* **fee is waived** for filings within or Related to MDL 6:11-md-2299 ACTOS (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation.

**Association of local counsel** is not required; however counsel are strongly advised to consider associating counsel **who have actually practiced within the Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette Division.**

Counsel, in each case, must designate the **Trial/Lead** counsel for that case. Trial/lead counsel SHALL appear at all interaction with the Court, unless or until otherwise ordered by the Court or modified by the CMO.

Counsel are advised to regularly review the docket sheet to ensure their appearance is properly entered, trial/lead counsel designated, and all contact information remains current and accurate.

All counsel appearing before this Court must **register for use within the electronic filing system** and be issued, by the court, an electronic login and password. Attorneys may register by visiting our website at: [www.lawd.uscourts.gov](http://www.lawd.uscourts.gov). Only attorneys shown on the docket **and** registered with our electronic filing system will receive notice from the Clerk's Office.

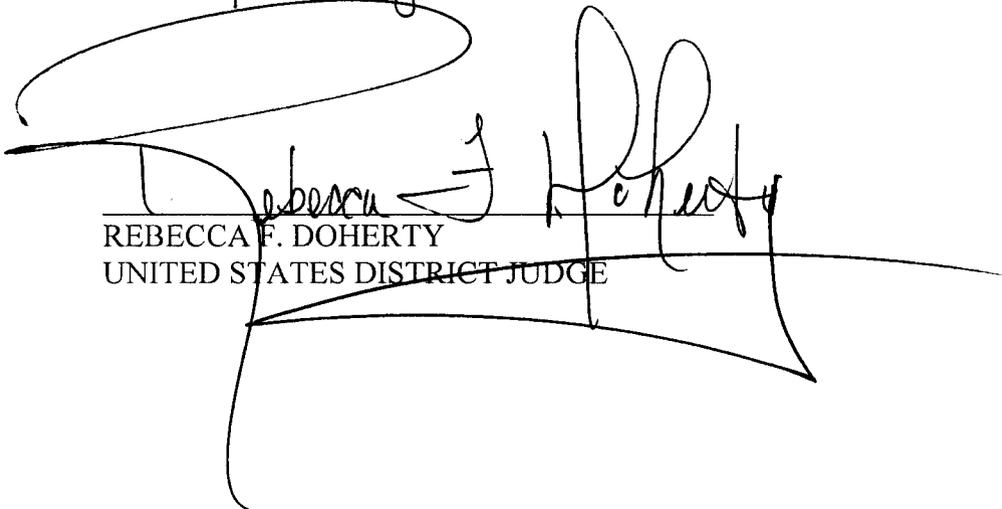
**It is ORDERED**, the login and password issued by the Western District of Louisiana upon registration, of attorneys not otherwise admitted to practice before this Court, will allow filing of documents only in the MDL 6:11-md-2299 ACTOS (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation and Related cases. Said login and password are not to be used to file documents in any other case in the Western District of Louisiana, unless the attorney is otherwise formally admitted, or becomes otherwise formally admitted to practice in this district.

**9. CORPORATE DISCLOSURE** - To assist the Court in identifying any issues or matters of recusal or disqualification, counsel shall electronically file, no later than ten (10) days of receipt of this Order, and review and update on a regular basis, a list of all companies affiliated with the parties, and all counsel associated in the litigation.

**10. CONTACT PERSONS** - Filers with questions regarding procedures for electronic filing in the Western District of Louisiana are directed to the ECF Help Desk at (866) 323-1101. The courtroom deputy to whom all initial inquiries should be directed is Christine Guidry (337-593-5008). The docket clerk to whom all inquires may be directed is Evelyn Alexander (337-593-5016).

The CMO, once issued by this Court, along with this Order and all subsequent Orders of this Court, unless otherwise designated by this Court, shall apply to and govern all cases filed within or deemed Related to MDL 6:11-md-2299 ACTOS (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation.

SO ORDERED, this 23rd day of January, 2012.



REBECCA F. DOHERTY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE