

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE NUVARING PRODUCTS )  
LIABILITY LITIGATION )  
 ) 4:08MD1964 RWS  
 ) ALL CASES

**ORDER UPON TRANSFER**

1. This order shall govern the practice and procedure in those actions transferred to this Court by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation pursuant to their order of August 22, 2008, as well as all related actions originally filed in this Court or transferred or removed to this Court. These actions are listed in Schedule A attached hereto. This order shall also govern the practice and procedure in any tag-along actions transferred to this Court by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation and to any related actions subsequently filed in this Court or otherwise transferred or removed to this Court.

2. The actions described in paragraph 1 of this order are coordinated for pretrial purposes.

3. This case will use the Court's Electronic Case Filing ("ECF") system. All counsel shall register forthwith as an ECF User in this Court and be issued an ECF User ID and password. Forms and instructions can be found on the Court's Web site at [www.moed.uscourts.gov](http://www.moed.uscourts.gov). All pleadings and papers shall be filed electronically using the Court's ECF system.

4. The Clerk of Court shall issue a new case number to each case transferred to the this Court by order of the MDL Panel. **All documents shall be filed only in the main case number 4:08MD1964 RWS. Nothing shall be filed in any of the individual case files.** All papers filed in these actions shall bear the case identification "4:08MD1964 RWS," and when such papers relate to all these actions, the MDL case number shall be followed by the notation "ALL CASES."

If such papers do not relate to all of these actions, the individual case number assigned by the Clerk of this Court to the action to which the paper relates shall also be listed below the MDL case number.

5. Any paper which is to be filed in any of these actions shall be filed only in this MDL case and not with the transferor district court.

6. Counsel who appeared in the transferor district court prior to the transfer need not enter a separate appearance before this Court. Moreover, attorneys admitted to practice and in

good standing in any United States District Court are admitted pro hac vice in this litigation, and the requirements of Eastern District of Missouri Local Rule 12.01 are waived. Association of local counsel is not required.

7. Prior to the initial case conference service of all papers shall be made on each of the attorneys on the Panel Attorney Service List attached hereto as Schedule B. Any attorney who wishes to have his or her name added to or deleted from such Panel Attorney Service List may do so upon request to the Clerk of this Court, with notice to all other persons on such service list. Service shall be deemed sufficient if made upon all attorneys on the Panel Attorney Service List.

8. Prior to the initial conference, counsel for the plaintiffs and counsel for defendants shall, to the extent they have not already done so, confer and seek consensus on the selection of a candidate for the position of liaison counsel for each group who will serve as the primary contact person for the Court regarding administrative matters.

Liaison counsel shall be required to maintain complete files with copies of all documents served upon them, and shall make such files available to other parties upon request. Liaison counsel are also authorized to receive orders and notices from the MDL Panel pursuant to Rule 8(e) of the Panel's Rules of Procedure on behalf of all parties, and shall be responsible for the preparation and transmittal of copies of such orders and notices to all parties.

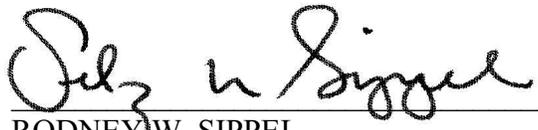
9. Hearings shall not be held on any motions filed except by order of Court upon such notice as the Court may direct.

10. In accordance with Eastern District of Missouri Local Rule 4.04, attorneys shall only communicate with the Court in writing by motion or memorandum.

11. Any orders including protective orders previously entered by this Court or any transferor district court shall remain in full force and effect unless modified by this Court upon application.

12. The Court will be guided by the Manual for Complex Litigation, Fourth, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States, and counsel are directed to familiarize themselves with that publication.

13. All other matters will be discussed at the initial pretrial conference. An order setting the date of the scheduling conference will be issued along with this order.

  
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RODNEY W. SIPPEL  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 27th day of August, 2008.

**IN RE: NUVARING PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
LITIGATION**

MDL No.1964

**SCHEDULE A**

Northern District of Georgia

Carmita T. Purdiman v. Organon Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:08-6

Eastern District of Missouri

Sarah M. Jenn v. Organon International, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:07-1282  
Janice Mitchell-McGuire v. Organon USA, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:07-1524  
Robin L. Smith v. Organon International, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:08-292

District of New Jersey

Brianne Irons, et al. v. Organon USA, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:07-2802  
Kathi Pieramico v. Organon USA, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:07-2803  
Stephanie Ferrell Merello v. Organon USA, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:07-2874  
Kristin Smith, et al. v. Organon USA, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:07-2876  
Rebecca Winder, et al. v. Organon USA, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:07-2877  
Laurie Scata, et al. v. Organon USA, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:07-2965  
Krysti Michelle Zulpo v. Organon USA, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:08-1037

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