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MEMORANDUM

To: All Counsel in the NYCAL
From: Laraine Pacheco, Special Master
Date: 4/12/09
Re: Procedures In Lieu of Designation Conference

As you are aware, the Court will no longer hold a semi-annual designation conference. The matter of objections to the October 2009 cluster and assignment of May 2009 cases for trial will be handled as follows:

- April 27 Window closes/preliminary cluster list posted
- May 6 Objections due to Special Master for October 2009 Cluster (in writing) (all objections made through liaison counsel) (by email with copy to Ken for posting). Revised cluster list reflecting objections posted.
- May 13 Telephone conferences re objections to October 2009 Cluster
- May 16 Special Master makes formal recommendation to Judge Heitler re any unresolved forum and medical objections (granting extension to obtain additional medicals where appropriate). List reflecting resolution of objections posted.
- May 26 Deadline to appeal Special Master's Recommendation (by motion)
- May 26 "Legitimate" objections to trial readiness of May 2009 cases to be emailed to Special Master, with copy to plaintiff's counsel.
- June 1 Special Master makes recommendations to Judge Heitler re trial assignments (assignments will be announced via memorandum)