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MEMORANDUM

To: All Counsel
From: Laraine Pacheco
Date: 12/16/2006
Re: Follow-up on Designation Conference

The following summarizes the results of the Designation Conference that took place on December 14, 2006.

In extremis cases

Assignment of November 06 Cluster cases to trial judges:

There will be a conference with Judge Freedman on January 22nd at 9:30 am. At least some of the cases will be sent out for trial at that time.

Counsel for plaintiffs are directed to email me no later than January 9 with respect to the readiness of any of these cases. Defense counsel (through liaison counsel) are invited to contact me on that same date with any trial readiness issues).

FIFO cases

February 06 Cluster

The Baron & Budd, Levy and Early & Strauss will remain with Judge Freedman. There will be a status conference on March 5 at 9:30 am. The parties should begin actively settling those cases. I am available to assist.

Weitz and Wilentz (plus Wilentz August 05)

There will be a status conference on April 17 at 11:00 am. All discovery should be completed by that time.

13 Weitz non-malignancies

An updated list of cases with remaining defendants will be posted next week. Judge Freedman has set a tentative trial date of January 29th, 9:30 am. Again, I am available to help resolve those cases.