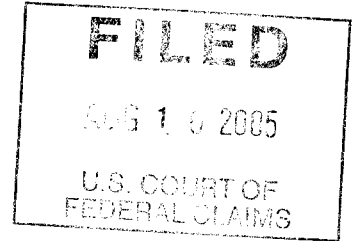


In the United States Court of Federal Claims

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

(Filed: August 10, 2005)

IN RE: CLAIMS FOR VACCINE INJURIES *
 RESULTING IN AUTISM SPECTRUM *
 DISORDER OR A SIMILAR *
 NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER * **AUTISM MASTER FILE**

VARIOUS PETITIONERS, *
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 v. *
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 SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND *
 HUMAN SERVICES, *
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 Respondent. *
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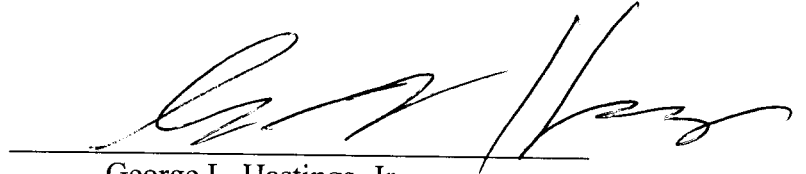
NOTICE RE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE AND SPECIAL "IN-PERSON" AUTISM STATUS CONFERENCE

The U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the court whose judges review the special masters' decisions in Vaccine Act cases, is hosting its annual judicial conference on November 3 and 4, 2005, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The general purpose of the conference, like all judicial conferences, is to provide a forum for interaction between the courts' judges and its bar members. The Vaccine Act special masters will be participating in the conference as well as the court's judges. In an effort to make this particular conference especially relevant to Vaccine Act attorneys, during the afternoon of November 4 there will be a special panel devoted to the topic of "damages" issues in Vaccine Act cases. Also, on the morning of November 4, at 10:00 a.m., I will be conducting an "in-person" status conference concerning the Omnibus Autism Proceeding. Any attorney with a pending autism case will be invited to participate in that status conference, with ample time provided for asking questions.

The judicial conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency at Penn's Landing. The judicial conference as a whole begins at 4:00 p.m. on November 3, includes a reception and dinner that evening, and continues with a full day of conference activities from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on November 4. Details will soon be available on the court's website.

Also, the Petitioners' Steering Committee in the Omnibus Autism Proceeding is planning to conduct its own meeting in conjunction with the judicial conference. The Steering Committee should soon be communicating details to attorneys with autism cases.

I hereby cordially invite all attorneys with pending autism claims to participate in the Omnibus Autism Proceeding status conference on November 4, and/or the judicial conference on both November 3 and 4.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George L. Hastings, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

George L. Hastings, Jr.
Special Master