

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY**

NOTICE TO THE MASS TORT BAR

The Court invites written comments on the third protocol in the February 15, 2012 Order (General Court Regulation No. 2012-01) which states that:

“3. All punitive damage claims in mass tort claims shall be deferred.”

Comments shall be brief, concise and e-mailed to Pharmalaw@courts.phila.gov. All comments should be submitted on or before June 15, 2012 and will be posted on the Court’s website at <http://www.courts.phila.gov/pharmalaw/>.

Effective hereinafter, the Court adopts the separate discovery rules proposed by agreement of the Asbestos Bar and Pharmaceutical Bar as follows:

Asbestos Bar Discovery Rule

“Unless otherwise agreed by opposing counsel or upon showing of exigent circumstances, all discovery shall take place in Philadelphia; however, a party may notice a deposition to take place at a location outside of Philadelphia so long as that party provides video conferencing, or telephone conferencing if video conferencing is impracticable, at no expense to opposing parties.

A notice of deposition shall be served on all parties at least 7 days prior to the scheduled deposition date, unless court approval is obtained for a shorter period of time.”

Pharmaceutical Bar Discovery Rule

“All plaintiffs shall be made available for deposition in Philadelphia unless otherwise agreed by all parties or upon motion and for good cause shown.”

Dated: May 3, 2012

**HONORABLE JOHN W. HERRON
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
TRIAL DIVISION**