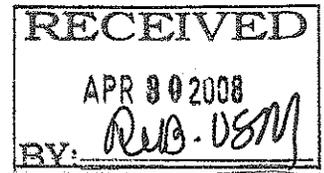


EXHIBIT A



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REPLY TO MINNEAPOLIS

The Honorable Donovan W. Frank
Judge of U.S. District Court
Warren E. Burger Federal Building
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St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: In Re Guidant Corp. Implantable Defibrillators Products Liability Litigation, MDL 1708

Dear Judge Frank:

The CBAFCC has provided to your Honor the CBAFCC's Report and Proposed Allocation Plan on April 15, 2008 pursuant to the Court's Order of February 15, 2008 Order Regarding Determination of the Common Benefit Attorney Fee Amount.

The Court has issued its Order of April 24, 2008 including the CBAFCC's Report and Plan of Allocation and setting deadlines for Objections and Reply by the Committee.

In this regard certain requests for discovery and production of confidential documents and time records have been received by the undersigned as chairman of the CBAFCC. We believe these issues are under the Orders of this Court and pursuant to the CBAFCC Guidelines are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court and not a matter that the CBAFCC should decide. In this regard we ask the Court to issue an appropriate Order directing how you wish the CBAFCC to proceed with these requests for discovery and production of documents received to date and/or may be received in the future.

Respectfully,

ZIMMERMAN REED, P.L.L.P.

Charles S. Zimmerman
Chairman CBAFCC

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