

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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DISTRICT JUDGE

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March 26, 2009

**BY U.S. MAIL & ECF**

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**Re: In re: GUIDANT CORP. IMPLANTABLE DEFIBRILLATORS  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION  
MDL No. 05-1708 (DWF/AJB)**

***Hollie Wrice v. Guidant, et al., Civ. No. 07-3217 (DWF/AJB)***

Dear Mr. Mulligan:

As you know, throughout the Guidant MDL, I have been very concerned about what individual claimants are told by their lawyers about the MDL process. For this reason, I am enclosing a copy on an e-mail I received from Tisha Atwell, concerning your client Holli Wrice, and the communications (or lack thereof) that her family has received from your law firm.

In response to Ms. Atwell's e-mail and within one week from receipt of this letter, I would like a written response from you detailing all written and oral communications your firm has had with Ms. Wrice's family. Your response should include dates of all communications as well as a description of the substance of those communications. I also ask that you *personally* respond to Ms. Atwell and address all of her concerns raised in the e-mail within one week of your receipt of this letter.

I am copying Ms. Atwell, Elizabeth Peterson of the Lead Counsel Committee, and Guidant's counsel on this letter so that they are aware of this communication.

Very truly yours,  
s/Donovan W. Frank  
DONOVAN W. FRANK  
Judge of United States District Court

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