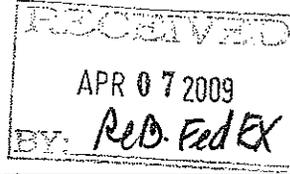


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Honorable Judge Donovan W. Frank
Judge of United States District Court
Warren E. Burger Federal Building
316 North Robert Street, Suite 724
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Holli Wrice v. Guidant, et al., Civ. No. 07-3217 (DWF/AJB)

Dear Honorable Judge Frank:

My office has had contact with Holli Wrice and Tisha Atwell on many occasions in regards to the Guidant Settlement. Stefanie Barnhart, the paralegal at my firm assigned to the Guidant case, has kept a detailed log of exactly when she spoke to Ms. Wrice and Ms. Atwell. There are documented phone calls with Ms. Wrice on September 12, 2007, June 4, 2008, November 21, 2008, December 29, 2008, January 7, 2009, January 23, 2009, February 4, 2009, and February 13, 2009. There are documented phone calls with Ms. Atwell on March 16, 2009, March 24, 2009, and March 26, 2009. These are just the documented phone calls with one of my paralegals in the office. Our receptionist and other legal assistance also assisted in keeping up with the incoming status calls and questions over the Guidant litigation. In addition, the attorneys in my office spoke to clients who specifically asked to speak with them.

We also have sent numerous letters to Ms. Wrice in regards to the status of the settlement. On July 20, 2007, we sent a detailed letter explaining that there was a proposed settlement in place. On February 22, 2008, we sent a letter explaining how to fill out the Settlement release, why they were signing a release without knowing the settlement amount, and included the Master Settlement Agreement. On April 29, 2008, we sent an update letter explaining a reduction of attorney's fees. On July 24, 2008, we sent a letter explaining that there were new requirements involving the death cases and asked Ms. Wrice to contact our office with any additional information. On September 19, 2008, we sent a very detailed letter explaining why the settlement process was taking longer than expected. This letter included information about getting enough releases from the 8,550 participants and the estimated time frame for the remainder of the settlement process. Finally, on February 13, 2009, we sent a letter along with the Limited Power of Attorney document explaining that we had the initial payment in our office and would be distributing the settlement checks when the signed Limited Power of Attorney's were received.

My office staff is instructed to not discuss settlement awards or offers until they are final. The only settlement amounts Ms. Wrice and Ms. Atwell were given was the initial settlement amount of \$195,000,000.00, and eventually the final settlement amount of \$240,000,000.00 for all 8,550 participating claimants and their individual award amount of \$5,000.00.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Mulligan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "M".

Patrick J. Mulligan