

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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DISTRICT JUDGE

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April 17, 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 Ms. Atwell:

As I stated I would do in my previous letter, I am sending you a copy of the response I received from your attorney, Patrick J. Mulligan. I also acknowledge receipt of your April 7, 2009, e-mail and voicemail sent to my law clerk. Finally, I am enclosing a copy of my most recent Order, which requires Mr. Mulligan to appear before me to discuss issues related to the MDL.

As I mentioned before, as a sitting United States District Court Judge, I cannot give you legal advice. Your questions concerning your case's dismissal should be directed to your attorney, Patrick J. Mulligan. If he will not or does not adequately answer your questions, I urge you to contact another attorney.

I am copying Mr. Mulligan, Elizabeth Peterson of the Lead Counsel Committee, and Guidant's counsel on this letter so that they are aware of my communication to you.

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

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Enclosures

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