

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

**PRETRIAL HEARING**

	)	<b>COURT MINUTES</b>
	)	BEFORE: Judge DONOVAN W. FRANK and
	)	Magistrate Judge ARTHUR J. BOYLAN
	)	held in Minneapolis, Minnesota
GUIDANT CORP. IMPLANTABLE	)	
DEFIBRILLATORS PRODUCTS	)	Case No: 05-1708(DWF/AJB)
LIABILITY LITIGATION,	)	Date: December 16, 2005
	)	Court Reporter: JEANNE ANDERSON
	)	Time Commenced: 8:15
	)	Time Concluded: 11:00
	)	Time in Court: 2 Hour & 45 Minutes

Hearing on: **FIRST MDL STATUS CONFERENCE**

Introductions of close to one hundred counsel representing plaintiffs in the United States. Introduction of the court and staff. Discussions regarding selection of Plaintiffs Steering Committee, timing of the order selecting lead and liaison counsel, progress of the MDL web site, and upcoming pretrial orders establishing the rules of filing.

**APPEARANCES:**

Plaintiff: CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, SETH LESSER, RICHARD ARSENAULT, ELIZABETH CABRASER, SILVIJA STRIKIS

Defendant: TIM PRATT, DEBBIE MOELLER, JOSEPH PRICE

**\*\*IT IS ORDERED:**

[9](#) Submitted            [9](#) Sustained            [9](#) Overruled  
[9](#) Brief time set:  
[9](#) Written order forthcoming.

s/Lowell Lindquist  
Deputy Clerk