

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

In re: GUIDANT CORP.  
IMPLANTABLE DEFIBRILLATORS  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 05-1708 (DWF/AJB)

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**PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 23**

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Guidant's motion for leave from the word limits contained in Local Rule 7.1(c) and to extend its reply deadline. Plaintiffs do not oppose this motion. Based on the submissions of the parties, and upon a review of the file, records, and proceedings herein,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Guidant's Motion for Leave from L.R. 7.1(c) in Order that Guidant's Reply in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment Based on Federal Preemption May Exceed 12,000 Words and that the Filing Deadline Be Extended to November 3, 2006 (Doc. No. 767) is **GRANTED**.

Dated: October 20, 2006

s/Donovan W. Frank  
DONOVAN W. FRANK  
Judge of United States District Court