

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

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|  | ) | COURT MINUTES - CIVIL               |
|  | ) | BEFORE: Arthur J. Boylan            |
| In re Medtronic Implantable Defibrillators | ) | U.S. Magistrate Judge               |
| Products Liability Litigation              | ) |                                     |
|  | ) | Case No: 05md1726 JRM/AJB           |
|  | ) | Date: March 20, 2006                |
|  | ) | Court Reporter: Dawn Hansen         |
|  | ) | Time Commenced: 8:15 a.m.           |
|  | ) | Time Concluded: 9:55 a.m.           |
|  | ) | Time in Court: 1 Hours & 40 Minutes |

Hearing on: **Monthly Status Conference**

**APPEARANCES:**

Plaintiff: Dan Gustafson, Charles Zimmerman, Daniel Becnel, Jr., Hunter Shkolnik, Richard Arsenault.  
Defendant: Lori Cohen, Don Lewis, Jay Bryan

**PROCEEDINGS:**

Status/case management conference. Informal meeting held 8:15 a.m. to 9:05 a.m. to discuss agenda. Conference/hearing held in courtroom, 9:05 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. per agenda. Issues resolved or continuing discussion between plaintiffs and defendant re: 1) communications with potential plaintiffs; 2) class allegations; 3) length of brief limitations; 4) third-party subpoenas; 5) form complaint by adoption; 6) stipulations on authenticity and admissibility of documents; 7) plaintiff bundling/fee waivers; 8) document redactions.

Court advised of issues regarding use of merits discovery obtained in case recently transferred to MDL. Parties resolved issues regarding access to device serial numbers. Plaintiff request for case designation and scheduling for bellwether trial(s) and defendant's response to such request addressed to the court.

Next monthly status conference is scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 20, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at the Minneapolis Federal Courthouse, Courtroom 15.

s/Paul S.  
Law clerk