

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

STATUS CONFERENCE

In Re: Levaquin Products Liability	)	COURT MINUTES
Litigation,	)	BEFORE: John R. Tunheim
	)	U.S. District Judge
Plaintiff,)	
	)	Case No: 08-1943 JRT
v.	)	Date: March 20, 2009
	)	Deputy: Holly Morley
	)	Court Reporter: Ron Moen
	)	Time Commenced: 2:12 p.m.
Defendant.	)	Time Concluded: 3:06 p.m.
	)	Time in Court: 54 Minutes

Hearing on: **Status Conference**

The Court held a formal status conference in In Re Levaquin Products Liability Litigation on March 20, 2009. Appearing on behalf of the plaintiffs were Ronald Goldser and Lewis Saul. Appearing on behalf of the defendants were John Dames, William Robinson, Tracy Van Steenburgh, and Jennifer Ampulski. The topics for the status conference included (1) the number of cases currently in the Multi-District Litigation ("MDL"); (2) plaintiffs' motion to compel more specific answers to several of their contention interrogatories, and (3) a variety of discovery issues, including the status of a variety of document requests and depositions. As to the number of cases, the defendants indicated that there now are a total of 83 cases, although not all of those cases have been transferred into this MDL. Defendants also noted that three additional state cases have been filed, in Missouri, Mississippi, and New Jersey. Plaintiffs' motion to compel sought more specific answers to its contention interrogatories about defendants' views on the differences between various drugs. The Court denied the motion, noting that defendants' views will be available in defendants' expert reports, and that the pretrial scheduling order will allow plaintiffs to subsequently file a rebuttal expert report. Finally, the parties discussed various discovery-related issues that do not require rulings from the Court. The next status conference in this case is set for April 28, 2009.

APPEARANCES:

Plaintiff: Ronald Goldser, Lewis Saul
Defendant: John Dames, Tracy Van Steenburgh, William Robinson, Jr., Jennifer Ampulski

s/Holly A. Morley
Calendar Clerk