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IN RE: CLAIMS FOR VACCINE INJURIES *
RESULTING IN AUTISM SPECTRUM *
DISORDER OR A SIMILAR *
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER *

VARIOUS PETITIONERS, *

v. *

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND *
HUMAN SERVICES, *

Respondent. *

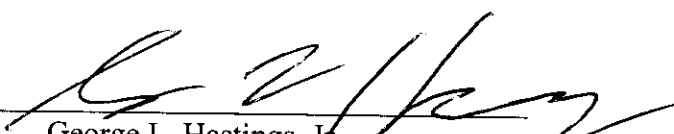
AUTISM MASTER FILE

**NOTICE RE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE AND SPECIAL
"IN-PERSON" AUTISM STATUS CONFERENCE**

As indicated in my most recent Autism Update, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the court whose judges review the special masters' decisions in Vaccine Act cases, is hosting its annual judicial conference on November 9 and 10, 2004, in Washington, D.C. The general purpose of the conference, like all judicial conferences, is to provide a forum for interaction between the courts' judges and its bar members. The Vaccine Act special masters will be participating in the conference as well as the court's judges. In an effort to make this particular conference especially relevant to Vaccine Act attorneys, during the afternoon of November 9 there will be two special panels devoted to the topic of "causation-in-fact" issues in Vaccine Act cases. Then, on the morning of November 10, at 10:00 a.m. at the court, I will be conducting an "in-person" status conference concerning the Omnibus Autism Proceeding. (The court's address is 717 Madison Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.) Any attorney with a pending autism case will be invited to participate in that status conference, with ample time provided for asking questions.

I hereby cordially invite all attorneys with pending autism claims to participate in the Omnibus Autism Proceeding status conference on November 10, and/or the judicial conference on both November 9 and 10. Details and registration information concerning the judicial conference

are now available on this court's website. (From the "Home" page on the court's website at www.uscfc.uscourts.gov, click on the "Judicial Conference" link.)


George L. Hastings, Jr.
Special Master