

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CIVIL DIVISION

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In Re Minnesota State Court Guidant Corp.  
Implantable Defibrillators Product Liability  
Litigation.

**ORDER 2**

Court File No.: 62-C4-06-006672

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By Order dated June 13, 2006, Russell A. Anderson, Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, appointed the undersigned to hear and decide all matters, including pretrial and trial proceedings, in cases involving Guidant Corporation's implantable defibrillator devices currently pending in the Minnesota state district courts, and any similar actions filed in Minnesota state courts in the future. Pursuant to that authority, the undersigned issues the following order.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. All Minnesota state court cases alleging liability pertaining to the design, manufacture and sale of implantable defibrillator devices against Guidant Corporation, Guidant Sales Corporation, and Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc., shall be filed in Ramsey County, Second Judicial District, State of Minnesota, upon commencement.

2. Counsel for all parties in cases identified under Paragraph 1 of this order shall appear for a scheduling conference at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 14, 2006, in Courtroom 1080 of the Ramsey County Courthouse.

3. With regard to the scheduling conference, it is the intention of this court to coordinate the management of these cases, to the extent possible, with the management of the federal multidistrict litigation under the Honorable Donovan Frank, Judge of the United States District Court, District of Minnesota.

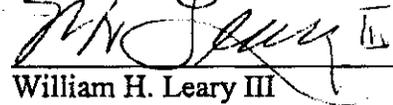
4. The scheduling conference agenda shall include the following items:

- a. Consolidation of personal-injury cases with economic-loss case filed in *Blue Cross & Blue Shield Assn., et al v. Guidant Corp., et al*, Ramsey County District Court file C6-06-4938.
- b. Creation of single master file
- c. Appointment and compensation of liaison counsel
- d. Appointment of Special Master
- e. Master pleadings
- f. Management of discovery and motion practice
- g. Electronic filing
- h. Service of orders
- i. Confidentiality
- j. Fixed, periodic status conferences
- k. Establishment of web page

5. Those parties wishing to place an additional item on the agenda for the scheduling conference shall notify, by letter, the undersigned of the request no later than July 28, 2006. This court will notify the parties of a revised agenda.

Dated: July 12, 2006

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. H. Leary III", written over a horizontal line.

William H. Leary III  
District Court Judge