

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**

Court file no. C4-06-6672

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TO: District Court Administrators, State of Minnesota.

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. That the venue of 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 maintained in or transferred to Ramsey County, Second Judicial District, State of Minnesota.

2. The district court administrators of Minnesota districts other than the Second Judicial District shall transfer all cases identified in paragraph 1 of this order to

the Ramsey County District Court, Second Judicial District, State of Minnesota, upon receipt of this order.

Dated: July 11, 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