Bayer Settlements: Gianvi / Ocella / Yasmin / YAZ: July 2012 Update On Drug Injury Lawsuits Filed To Date

Almost 2,000 Lawsuits With Blood Clots Such As DVT And PE Settled, With At Least Another 4,000 Such Cases In Settlement Mediation Negotiations

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From <u>Bayer's Stockholders' Newsletter Second Quarter 2012</u> (PDF format), at page 50, we get the following update on the Gianvi / Ocella / Yasmin / YAZ litigation:

As of July 19, 2012, the number of lawsuits pending in the United States and served upon Bayer was about 12,325 involving about 13,530 claimants (excluding claims already settled). Claimants allege that they have suffered personal injuries, some of them fatal, from the use of Bayer's drospirenone-containing oral contraceptive products such as Yasmin™ and / or YAZ™ or from the use of Ocella™ and / or Gianvi™, generic versions of Yasmin™ and YAZ™, respectively, marketed by Barr Laboratories, Inc. in the United States. As of July 19, 2012, Bayer had reached agreements, without admission of liability, to settle the claims of 1,877 claimants in the U.S. for a total amount of about US\$402.6 million. Bayer is only settling claims in the U.S. for venous clot injuries (deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism).... Such injuries are alleged in about 6,000 claims and therefore in fewer than half of the cases served to date.

For some of the developments leading up to these 2012 Bayer settlements for deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE) cases in the Gianvi / Ocella / Yasmin / YAZ litigation we refer you to these earlier related reports:

Bayer Settlements For YAZ / Yasmin Lawsuits Involving Blood Clot Side Effects Like Deep Vein Thrombosis And Pulmonary Embolism (April 2012)

YAZ / Yasmin Litigation Update: 11,300 Lawsuits Have Been Served Upon Bayer As Of February 1, 2012 (February 2012)

We will continue to monitor settlements made by Bayer through mediation negotiations with the other lawyers handling the 4,000 plus cases that are still pending -- as well as the additional Gianvi / Ocella / Yasmin / YAZ lawsuits which will be filed for women who suffered a blood-clot side effect a DVT or PE while using one of these drospirenone (DRSP) birth control pills.

We were one of the first law firms involved with the Gianvi / Ocella / Yasmin / YAZ litigation; our first lawsuit, a YAZ pulmonary embolism (PE) death case, was filed in July 2009. If you have a possible case, we encourage you to submit a Free Case Evaluation form.

Our drug injury law firm handles these Gianvi / Ocella / Yasmin / YAZ blood-clot side effect personal injury and wrongful death cases as individual lawsuits -- **not** as a class action -- and on a contingency fee basis, which means there are no out-of-pocket costs for you while we pursue your legal compensation claim against the responsible drug company, Bayer Healthcare.

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