

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION

IN RE: PARAGARD IUD) MDL DOCKET NO. 2974
PRODUCTS LIABILITY)
LITIGATION) (1:20-md-02974-LMM)
) **This Document Relates to All Cases**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER REGARDING DOCKET LOGISTICS OF
FILING OF SHORT FORM COMPLAINTS, EXECUTED WAIVERS
OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS OF PROCESS,
AND NOTICES OF APPEARANCE IN INDIVIDUAL CASES**

On July 12, 2021, the Court held a telephone conference with Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and Defendants' Co-Lead Counsel to discuss the docket logistics of filing Short Form Complaints, executed waivers of service of summons of process, and Notices of Appearance in individual member cases. For purposes of this Order, "Short Form Complaint" has the same meaning as set forth in the Case Management Order Regarding Direct Filing (Doc. No. 129).

Based on input and agreement from counsel and advice from the Court, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. A Short Form Complaint that is filed in a case already pending in MDL No. 2974 shall be filed **only** in the individual case docket.
2. A Short Form Complaint that is directly-filed in the Northern District of Georgia pursuant to the CMO Regarding Direct Filing (Doc. No. 129) shall be

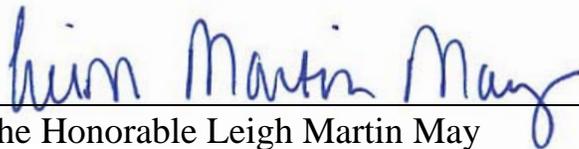
filed as a new individual case, and shall not be filed on the MDL No. 2974 Master Docket.

3. Executed waivers of service of summons, or proof of service of summons of process, shall be filed **only** in the individual case docket, and shall not be filed on the MDL No. 2974 Master Docket.

4. Notices of Appearance in individual cases shall be filed **only** in the individual case docket, and shall not be filed on the MDL No. 2974 Master Docket, except that counsel who have not previously appeared on the MDL No. 2974 Master Docket may file their first Notice of Appearance both on the MDL No. 2974 Master Docket and in the individual case docket. A separate Notice of Appearance must be filed for each attorney appearing for the same party(ies). The filing of a Notice of Appearance does not waive and shall not be construed as a waiver of any defenses.

5. Regarding the Short Form Complaints, executed waivers of service, and notices of appearance that have been filed only in MDL No. 2974, counsel are **DIRECTED** to re-file those documents in the individual cases.

SO ORDERED, this the 21st day of July, 2021.



The Honorable Leigh Martin May
United States District Judge
Northern District of Georgia