

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
Southern Division**

In re:)
SILICONE GEL BREAST)
IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY)
LITIGATION)
(MDL 926))

Master File No.
CV 92-P-10000-S

ORDER No. 31A

(Amending Order Appointing Rule 706 Expert Witnesses)

In paragraph 2(b)(4) of this Court's Order No. 31, appointing Rule 706 Expert Witnesses to evaluate and critique pertinent scientific literature and studies bearing on issues in breast implant litigation pending in, or to be remanded to, federal and state courts, the Court directed the plaintiffs (acting jointly through the PSC) and the defendants (acting jointly) to each provide to this Court by June 17, 1996, the designation of a rheumatologist who has not been retained (and will not be) retained by any parties to provide testimony in this litigation. These party-designated rheumatologists are to be available to members of the Selection Panel for joint consultation in identifying neutral rheumatologists for possible appointment to the Science Panel.

Paragraph 2(b)(4) of Order 31 is amended to clarify that the party-designated rheumatologists may be physicians who have previously treated persons with breast implants and may have been called, or may in the future be called, to provide "case-specific opinions," as that term was defined in this Court's Appendix B to Order No. 30. The party-designated rheumatologist may not, however, have been retained, nor in the future may be retained, to provide "generic opinions" as that term was defined in this Court's Appendix B to Order No. 30.

This the 10th day of June, 1996.

 /s/ Sam C. Pointer, Jr.
Chief Judge Sam C. Pointer, Jr.