

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

In re:)
SILICONE GEL BREAST IMPLANT) Master File No. CV 92-P-10000-S
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION)
(MDL 926))

**ORDER No. 31C
(Appointing members of National Science Panel)**

Pursuant to Order No. 31 and 31B, the court hereby appoints, with their consent, the following persons to serve under Rule 706 of the Federal Rules of Evidence on the national Science Panel, providing expertise in the fields of Epidemiology, Immunology, and Rheumatology:

Dr. Betty A. Diamond, Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York, USA

Dr. Barbara S. Hulka, Kenan Professor, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA

Dr. Peter Tugwell, Professor and Chairman, Department of Medicine, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Each has outstanding academic credentials, has substantial clinical experience, has been extensively published, is highly regarded and respected in the scientific community, and was unanimously recommended for court appointment by the Selection Panel. The court further concludes that they do not have any current or past affiliation, relationship, or association that would impair their neutrality or objectivity.

The Selection Panel will continue its efforts to identify one to three persons with expertise in the field of toxicology for possible appointment by the court to the Science Panel, and will also remain available for assignment of further responsibilities, including appropriate support and assistance to the members of the Science Panel.

At an appropriate time the Court will schedule a conference with the appointees to outline their duties, at which the parties may participate as provided in Rule 706(a).

Under Order No. 31A, the parties were directed to identify “party-designated rheumatologists”

for potential consultation with the members of the Science Panel. Since it has not been necessary for members of the Science Panel to consult with such rheumatologists, the provisions of Order No. 31A that would have precluded the parties from retaining such persons to assist or provide testimony in breast-implant litigation are hereby vacated.

This the 23rd day of August, 1996.

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