

United States Court of Federal Claims
Office of Special Masters

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Dear Counsel and Friends of the Office of Special Masters:

FINAL REMINDER – AND A CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE! The date for the Judicial Conference of the United States Court of Federal Claims is fast approaching. The conference will take place at the National Courts Building, 717 Madison Place, NW, Washington, DC 20005, on Wednesday, October 27, 2010. For participants in the Vaccine Program, there will be an extra day of activities at the Court on Tuesday, October 26th, starting at 9 a.m. (not 10 a.m. as announced previously).

The Court's official announcement of the activities scheduled to take place, as well as information on registration (which is free for the activities on October 26th), is available at the Court of Federal Claims Bar Association's website, www.cfcbar.org. Click on the "Full Story" hyperlink at the end of the announcement and you will find a news article regarding the 23rd Judicial Conference. Use the "click here" hyperlink at the end of the second paragraph to get information about and register for the Special Vaccine Program on October 26, 2010.

The activities on the 26th will begin at 9 a.m. for the petitioners' bar. In the afternoon, at 2 p.m., there will be a panel discussion with the three autism Special Masters: Patricia Campbell-Smith, George Hastings, and Denise Vowell. They will bring us up to date on the latest decisions and developments affecting the Omnibus Autism Proceeding.

Following the autism panel, the Court will host a reception honoring Gary Golkiewicz for his 21 years of service as Chief Special Master. We hope you will join us to honor Gary and recognize his unique contribution to the Vaccine Program.

The first discussion, on October 27th, will be devoted to issues of particular interest to the Vaccine Program. The discussion will be moderated by Judge Margaret Sweeney, and features several panelists. Tom Goldstein, founder of SCOTUSblog, a website devoted to covering the U.S. Supreme Court, will discuss the pending Bruesewitz case (concerning the scope of Vaccine Act pre-exemption). Professor Joelle Moreno, a

professor at Florida International University Law School, will discuss the impact of developing science on cases arising under the Vaccine Act. In addition, I will address significant trends and ongoing initiatives in the Office of Special Masters.

Following three additional panels on Wednesday, the conference will culminate with a reception at the Supreme Court hosted by Justice Antonin Scalia.

Information and registration materials are posted at www.cfcbar.org. If you wish to contact OSM directly with any questions, please feel free to call Jocelyn McIntosh at (202) 357-6344 or send us an E-mail at OSM_judicial_conference@ao.uscourts.gov.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dee Lord".

Dee Lord

Chief Special Master