

September 22, 2006

Dear Counsel:

Just a quick note regarding the Court's Judicial Conference scheduled for October 25, 2006 in Washington, DC. By now, you should have received your formal invitation from the Court (Judicial Conference information, including registration information, is also available on the Court's website at [www.uscfc.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscfc.uscourts.gov) and at the Court of Federal Claims Bar Association's website at [www.cfcbar.org](http://www.cfcbar.org)). **Please note that you must register on-line at the Bar Association's website**; paper registrations will not be accepted. Please do not delay in registering; in addition to the \$50 late fee for registrations received after October 10, there is a limit on the number of registrations (last year's conference was over-subscribed).

As shown on the Court's Conference brochure, the **Vaccine Breakout Session** is scheduled for 1:45 - 5 p.m. I have enclosed my July 18 SAVE THE DATE letter which describes the session; in a word, it should be SCINTILLATING!!! Please note the following change to the speaker lineup, Judge Lawrence Block will replace Judge John Wiese. Judge Wiese regrettably had to cancel his participation due to a trial.

Here is a quick summary of the vaccine-related activities (only the Vaccine Breakout Session appears on the Court's Conference brochure), all of which occur on October 25:

8:30 am - - Petitioners' Autism Steering Committee meeting

10:00 am - - Special Master George Hastings' status conference in the Autism Omnibus Proceeding

1:45 pm - - Vaccine Breakout Session

Panel 1 - discussion of vaccine causation with Professors Michael Green and Betsy Grey, as moderated by Special Master Denise Vowell

Panel 2 - discussion of vaccine appellate issues with Judges Eric Bruggink and Lawrence Block from the Court of Federal Claims, and Judges William Bryson and Raymond Clevenger III of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The moderators will be Professors Green and Grey.

The above four sessions will take place in the same room at the Willard Hotel. Court staff will be available to assist with questions. Also, please note that the Vaccine sessions are in addition to a full slate of other Court programs which your registration covers. Please consult the Conference brochure for the complete listing of events.

**Finally, the Maglio Christopher & Toale Law Firm is hosting a reception for vaccine attorneys and the Court the evening prior to the Conference, the evening of October 24.**

The Courts' Judges and Special Masters are invited to attend. Speaking on behalf of my colleagues, we look forward to meeting and talking to you in this relaxed environment. The reception will be held at the Dolley Madison House (which is located at the corner of the Court's complex) from 5-7pm. Please RSVP by emailing [sarah@sarasotalaw.com](mailto:sarah@sarasotalaw.com).

If you have any questions or suggestions about the Conference or Vaccine sessions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I have set up a special e-mail address to handle your questions. The address is [OSM\\_Judicial\\_Conference@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:OSM_Judicial_Conference@ao.uscourts.gov). If you need to speak directly to someone, please contact Michelle Mendelson, staff attorney to OSM, at 202-357-6344. Thank you in advance for your support. My colleagues and I look forward to seeing you at the Conference.

Sincerely,

Gary J. Golkiewicz  
Chief Special Master

Enclosure