

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: MOTION TO REFER ASBESTOS LITIGATION TO THE MASS
LITIGATION PANEL

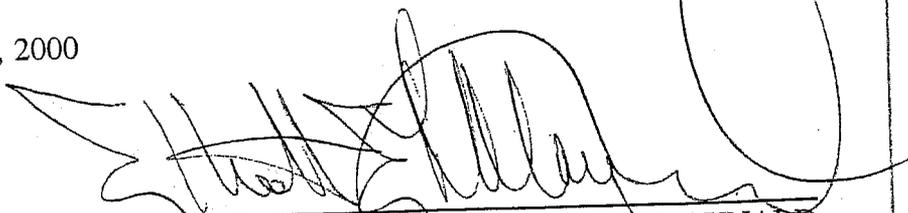
WHEREAS, by Administrative Order entered November 17, 2000, the Chief Justice ordered all Asbestos cases pending in the Circuit Courts of this State to be referred to the Mass Litigation Panel; and

WHEREAS, the Mass Litigation Panel has recommended that all cases referred to the Panel be transferred to the Circuit Court of Kanawha County with the Honorable A. Andrew MacQueen, III, a member of the Mass Litigation Panel, presiding, with the exception of the four cases generally referred to as the "Putnam Mesothelioma Cases"; and

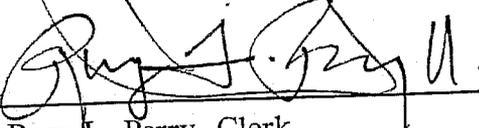
IT IS ORDERED, that the Asbestos cases referred to the Mass Litigation Panel and which have been identified by the Panel, be transferred to the Circuit Court of Kanawha County with the Honorable A. Andrew MacQueen, III, a member of the Mass Litigation Panel, presiding, with the exception of the four cases generally referred to as the "Putnam Mesothelioma Cases"; and

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED, that a copy of this ORDER be transmitted to lead counsel for the parties from whom the Chief Justice has received pleadings, the Mass Litigation Panel, and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County to provide copies of same to counsel of record.

ENTER: DECEMBER 20, 2000


CHIEF JUSTICE ELLIOTT E. MAYNARD

Attest:


Rory L. Perry, Clerk
Supreme Court of Appeals