

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

JEFFREY BLOUNT,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARKEMA, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 10-C-1109
Honorable Tod J. Kaufman

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ORDER ASSIGNING JUDGES TO FLOAT-SINK LITIGATION

On November 23, 2010, then Chief Justice Robin Jean Davis entered an Administrative Order granting the Motion to Refer *Jeffrey Blount v. Arkema, Inc., et al.*, Kanawha County Civil Action No. 10-C-1109, along with other cases identified in the Motion, and transferred all such cases to the Mass Litigation Panel ("Panel").

On January 19, 2011, Chief Justice Margaret L. Workman entered an Administrative Order amending the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia's November 23, 2010, Administrative Order to reflect that all cases listed in "Appendix A" to *PPG Industries, Inc.'s Report to the Mass Litigation Panel Regarding Revisions, Additions or Deletions to the Cases Identified in Plaintiffs' "Motion to Refer Actions to the Mass Litigation Panel,"* as well as the case of *Hatfield v. Arkema, Inc., et al.*, which is to be filed in the Circuit Court of McDowell County, are referred to the Mass Litigation Panel.

The November 23, 2010, Administrative Order was also amended to authorize the Mass Litigation Panel to transfer and join with the existing Mass Litigation any similar or related actions subsequently filed in any circuit court, as provided in West Virginia Trial Court Rule 26.09.

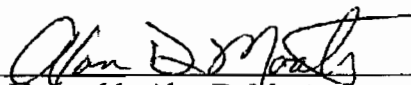
Because the above-referenced cases arise from allegations that plaintiffs suffered personal injury as the result of exposure to various chemicals while working in float-sink labs in West Virginia, this Mass Litigation will be hereafter referred to as the "Float-Sink Litigation."

As required by Trial Court Rule 26.07(a), the Panel Chair, with the advice and consent of the Panel, hereby assigns The Honorable John A. Hutchison to serve as the Lead Judge presiding in the Float-Sink Litigation, with The Honorable Derek C. Swope and The Honorable Thomas C. Evans, III assigned to assist Judge Hutchison as Presiding Judges in the Float-Sink Litigation or proceedings therein. To the extent possible, appropriate measures shall be adopted to insure uniformity of decisions, including the requirement that all pretrial dispositive motions be decided by a majority of the Presiding Judges assigned to preside in the Float-Sink Litigation or proceedings therein.

The Panel Chair further assigns The Honorable Jay M. Hoke to serve as the Lead Resolution Judge in the Float-Sink Litigation, with The Honorable Booker T. Stephens and The Honorable James P. Mazzone assigned to assist Judge Hoke as Resolution Judges in the Float-Sink Litigation or proceedings therein.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, is **ORDERED** to forward a certified copy of this Order to the Mass Litigation Manager, and to the Clerks of all other Circuit Courts where these actions are pending. The Clerks of the Circuit Courts where these actions are pending are **ORDERED** to provide copies of this order to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTER: January 24, 2011


The Honorable Alan D. Moats
Chair, Mass Litigation Panel