

**NOTICE TO THE BAR**

***Consumer Class Actions Not to be Assigned to the Commerce Program***

Administrative Docket No. 02 of 2003 was amended on September 18, 2012 to remove *Consumer Class Actions* from the Case Types assigned to the Commerce Case Management Program. *Consumer Class Actions* shall be assigned to the *Day Forward Program*, subject to further reassignment as may be necessary from time to time.

As provided in Administrative Docket No. 02 of 2003, class actions brought on behalf of either individuals or businesses that fit within the Commerce Program criteria, namely, Class Actions – Investor Plaintiffs and Class Actions – Commercial Plaintiffs shall continue to be assigned to the *Commerce Program*.

A copy of the September 18, 2012 Order follows.

***John W. Herron***  
**Administrative Judge, Trial Division**  
**Court of Common Pleas**  
**Philadelphia County**

***Allan L. Tereshko***  
***Supervising Judge, Trial Division – Civil***  
**Court of Common Pleas**  
**Philadelphia County**

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**COURT COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY**  
**TRIAL DIVISION—CIVIL**

**IN RE: Amendment of Commerce Case Management Program**  
**Administrative Docket No. 02 of 2003**

**ORDER**

**AND NOW**, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that effective immediately, Section B. 1. 7. is amended to read as follows:

***B. Assignment of Cases Subject to Commerce Program***

**1. Cases Subject to Commerce Program.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in General Court Regulation 95-2 (Day Forward Program) or any other General Court Regulation, Jury, Non-Jury & Equity, and Class Action cases filed on or after January 1, 2000, but not Arbitration cases, shall be assigned to the Commerce Program if they are among the following types of actions:

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7. Derivative actions and class actions based on claims otherwise falling within these ten types, such as shareholder class actions, but not including consumer class actions, personal injury class actions, and products liability class actions;

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The *Commerce Program Addendum* shall be revised to reflect this amendment. All other provisions of Administrative Docket No. 02 of 2003 shall remain in full force and effect.

This Order is issued in accordance with Pa.R.C.P. No. 239 and the April 11, 1986 Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Eastern District, No. 55 Judicial Administration. The original order shall be filed with the Prothonotary in a Docket maintained for Administrative orders issued by the Administrative Judge of the Trial Division, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, and shall be submitted to the Pennsylvania Bulletin for publication. Copies of the order shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, the Civil Procedural Rules Committee, American Lawyer Media, The Legal Intelligencer, Jenkins Memorial Law Library, and the Law Library for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and shall be posted on the website of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania: <http://www.courts.phila.gov/regs>.

**BY THE COURT:**

*/s/ John W. Herron*

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**Honorable John W. Herron**  
**Administrative Judge,**  
**Trial Division, Court of Common Pleas**