

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
PENSACOLA DIVISION**

IN RE: ABILIFY (ARIPIPRAZOLE)  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
LITIGATION

Case No. 3:16-md-2734

Chief Judge M. Casey Rodgers  
Magistrate Judge Gary Jones

This Document Relates to All Cases

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**ORDER<sup>1</sup>**

On October 21, 2016, the court entered an order regarding docketing and filing procedures for this MDL action. All attorneys now or in the future appearing in this MDL action must familiarize themselves with this order and file all documents in accordance with the order's specific instructions. Attorneys should pay close attention to the captioning requirements, as follows:

When a filing relates to all individual cases covered by this Order, the words "all cases" must appear immediately after or below the words "This Document Relates to" in the caption. . . . When a filing relates to fewer than all individual cases, the separate caption and docket number assigned by the Clerk for each individual case to which the filing relates must appear immediately after or below the words "This Document Relates to" in the caption.

ECF No. 12, at 5–6.

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<sup>1</sup> This Order applies automatically to all actions listed in the JPML's Transfer Order, ECF No. 1, the first Conditional Transfer Order, ECF No. 7, and the second Conditional Transfer Order, ECF No. 11, as well as any other actions subsequently transferred to, removed to, or initiated in this MDL court, without the necessity of future motions or orders.

The majority of notices of appearance that have been filed as of today do not follow this instruction. Specifically, many notices state in the caption that they relate to “all cases,” even though the attorney is not counsel of record in every individual case involved in this MDL action or acting as interim co-lead or liaison counsel.

The court expects all attorneys to be well organized and maintain good case management, which includes strict compliance with court orders. In an MDL case such as this, where there will undoubtedly be voluminous filings, adherence to the court’s procedural and docketing requirements is particularly important. Because strict compliance with the court’s docketing and filing order is critical, the Clerk of Court is ordered to strike from the record all non-compliant notices of appearance filed to date and in the future. The affected attorneys should refile their notices of appearance with the caption of the notice reflecting the separate caption and docket number assigned by the Clerk for each individual case for which the attorney is counsel of record. These docket numbers must be contained in the caption—attaching a schedule of actions does not substitute for this requirement and actually unnecessarily clutters the docket.

Additionally, all attorneys appearing in this MDL action are reminded of the requirement that notices of appearance be filed “in both the Master Docket and the

individual cases for which the attorney is an attorney of record.” ECF No. 12, at 4–

5. This is expected of all attorneys appearing in this MDL action.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** on this 3rd day of November, 2016.

*M. Casey Rodgers*

**M. CASEY RODGERS**

**CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**