

## NOTICE TO THE BAR

### **DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR MULTICOUNTY LITIGATION DESIGNATION OF NEW JERSEY STATE COURT CASES INVOLVING BARD IMPLANTED PORT CATHETER PRODUCTS**

A previous Notice to the Bar sought comments on an application for designation as Multicounty Litigation (MCL) of New Jersey state cases against manufacturer C.R. Bard Inc., Bard Access Systems Inc., and Becton Dickinson and Company alleging injuries as a result of implantation of Bard Implanted Port Catheter Products. That application was submitted pursuant to Rule 4:38A and the Multicounty Litigation Guidelines and Criteria for Designation (Revised) as promulgated by Directive #02-19. This Notice is to advise that the Supreme Court, after considering the application and all comments received, has determined not to grant the application. The Court based its denial on the limited number of cases at present. Accordingly, all cases involving Bard Implanted Port Catheter Products should continue to be filed in the appropriate counties of venue.

This Notice will also be posted in the Multicounty Information Center (<https://www.njcourts.gov/attorneys/multicounty-litigation>) on the Judiciary's website ([njcourts.gov](https://www.njcourts.gov)).

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