

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**IN RE: XARELTO (RIVAROXABAN)
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION**

* **MDL NO. 2592**
* **SECTION L**
* **JUDGE ELDON E. FALLON**
* **MAG. JUDGE NORTH**

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES

**PRE-TRIAL ORDER NO. 9
(Direct Filing - Stipulated)**

I. SCOPE OF THE ORDER

This Stipulated Order shall govern (1) cases transferred to this Court by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, pursuant to its Order of December 12, 2014; (2) any tag-along actions subsequently transferred to this Court by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Rules of Procedure of that Panel; and (3) all related cases originally filed in this Court or transferred or removed to this Court. The Order only applies to claims brought by a U.S. citizen or resident based on usage or purchase of Xarelto in the United States.

II. DIRECT FILING OF CASES INTO MDL NO. 2592

A. In order to eliminate delays associated with the transfer to this Court of cases filed in or removed to other federal district courts and to promote judicial efficiency, any plaintiff whose case would be subject to transfer to MDL No. 2592 may file his or her complaint against all Defendants directly in MDL No. 2592 in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

B. All Defendants stipulate and agree that they will not assert any objection of improper venue pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b) as to any Xarelto-related cases filed directly in the Eastern District of Louisiana that emanate from districts outside the Eastern District of Louisiana and that are filed in this multidistrict litigation proceeding.

C. Each case filed directly in MDL No. 2592 that emanates from a district outside the Eastern District of Louisiana will be filed in MDL No. 2592 for pretrial proceedings only, consistent with the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation's December 12, 2014, Transfer Order. (Doc. No. 1.)

D. Upon completion of all pretrial proceedings applicable to a case directly before this Court, pursuant to this Order, this Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a), will transfer that case to the federal district court in the district where the plaintiff allegedly was injured or where plaintiff resided at the time of his or her alleged injury, after giving the parties an opportunity to meet and confer and be heard on the issue. All Defendants stipulate and agree that they will not assert any objection of improper venue pursuant to FRCP 12(b) upon transfer consistent with the provisions in this paragraph and this Order.

E. Nothing contained in this Order shall preclude the parties from agreeing, at a future date, to try cases filed pursuant to this Order in this District.

F. The inclusion of any action in *In re: Xarelto (Rivaroxaban) Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2592, whether such action was or will be filed originally or directly in the Eastern District of Louisiana, shall not constitute a determination by this Court that venue is proper in this district.

G. All Parties stipulate and agree that a case that was filed directly in MDL No. 2592 pursuant to this Order will have no impact on choice of law that otherwise would apply to an

