

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

IN RE: YASMIN AND YAZ
(DROSPIRENONE) MARKETING,
SALES PRACTICES, AND
PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION.

*ESTELLE PITTMAN, Individually and as
Special Administrator of the Estate of
Decedent MADGETTE DEAN vs. Bayer
Corporation, et al.*

Case No. 11-cv-11581-NJR

MDL No. 2100

SHOW CAUSE ORDER

This case was part of an MDL proceeding that was handled by District Judge David R. Herndon, who retired from judicial service in early January 2019. The parties reached a global settlement before that date, but follow up on each individual claim was still needed.

Shortly before his retirement, Judge Herndon held a show cause hearing. (Doc. 11). Plaintiff in this case, Estelle Pittman, was on that call and was thus aware that Judge Herndon imposed a deadline of February 5, 2019, to set up an estate in California and proceed with lien resolution. (Doc. 11)

The case was transferred to the docket of the undersigned following Judge Herndon's retirement and, until the Court asked for status recently, there had been no activity in the case.

On March 31, 2020, Plaintiff's counsel Peter Goss responded to the Court's request for status (Doc. 13) and advised that numerous repeated attempts to contact Ms. Pittman have failed (Doc. 14). Counsel asserts that Ms. Pittman has been provided with all information necessary to move forward for her claim, but she has not responded in any way.

The Court finds that counsel has made repeated reasonable and good-faith efforts to inform Ms. Pittman of the relevant information needed to move forward with her claim. Those efforts spanned many months and are detailed in counsel's recent status report. The Court will simply not allow this claim to remain pending indefinitely with no response from Ms. Pittman.

Accordingly, Plaintiff Estelle Pittman, Individually and as Special Administrator of the Estate of Decedent Madgette Dean, is hereby **ORDERED** to **SHOW CAUSE** on or before **April 30, 2020**, why this action **should not be DISMISSED with prejudice for failure to prosecute and comply with a Court Order.** This Order will be posted on the Court's website and is being sent via first class mail to the last known address for Ms. Pittman, as identified by her counsel:

**1803 Ramblewood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21239.**

Once again, if Ms. Pittman fails to respond to this Order, this entire case will be DISMISSED with prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: April 2, 2020

Handwritten signature of Nancy J. Rosenstengel in black ink, written over a circular official seal of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

NANCY J. ROSENSTENGEL
Chief U.S. District Judge