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MEMORANDUM TO COUNSEL RE: Lovette Martin, III, et al. v. Kennedy Krieger
Institute, Inc., et al.
Civil #L-02-419

Shawnta DeShields, et al. v. Kennedy Krieger
Institute, Inc.
Civil #L-02-3694

Myron Higgins, et al. v. Kennedy Krieger
Institute, Inc., et al.
Civil #L-02-4046

Dear Counsel:

On January 14, 2003, the Court held a tape-recorded teleconference to discuss the motion to withdraw filed by Counsel for Kennedy Krieger Institute, Donald DeVries and his associates.

Kennedy Krieger, through Sharon Reeves, told the Court that it does not oppose Mr. DeVries's motion to withdraw. Accordingly, on or before January 28, 2003, Kennedy Krieger shall submit a status report which will inform the Court whether it (i) will continue to retain Mr. DeVries or (ii) intends to hire new counsel.

Pending resolution of the motion to withdraw, the Court will schedule an in-court Rule 16(b) discovery conference. In addition to setting a discovery schedule, the Court will take up (i) Mr. Thalenberg's anticipated motion for leave to amend, (ii) any motions to remand, and (iii) whether the cases should be consolidated and for what purposes.

Despite the informal nature of this memorandum, it shall constitute an Order of the Court and the Clerk is directed to docket it accordingly.

Very truly yours,



Benson Everett Legg

c: Sharon Reeves at Kennedy Krieger Institute
Court file

