

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION**

IN RE: ALL PLAINTIFFS IN COOK COUNTY)	
ASBESTOS LITIGATION)	
)	In re Asbestos Litigation
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
vs.)	No. 98 L 000000
)	
RAPID AMERICAN CORP., et. al.,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC SERVICE

Upon motion of certain defendants represented by Heyl, Royster, Voelker and Allen, the court having heard argument and being fully advised in the premises, said motion to authorize electronic service is hereby GRANTED as more fully set forth herein.

When a party to personal injury asbestos litigation in Cook County, Illinois ("the litigation") wishes to serve a document to counsel of record, that party shall effectuate service of the document by the procedure set forth in this Order (subject to the exceptions outlined herein):

I. LEXISNEXIS FILE & SERVE

1. In order to facilitate case management, document retrieval and case organization, the parties will utilize the services of LexisNexis File & Serve ("LNFS") and its litigation system (the "System") for providing electronic service, storage and delivery of court-filed and discovery-related documents through a secure website to facilitate expeditious, efficient, and economical communication by and amongst counsel. The Court, at its option, may also use LNFS and its System for these purposes as well to communicate with counsel of record. Any Party may opt out of the use of LNFS by providing written notice to all counsel of record and to LNFS, through notice to Christopher Shaw, at the address listed in paragraph 1, below. Any party opting out of the use of

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LNFS must be served with documents via the traditional means required by the applicable rules. It is noted that plaintiffs represented by Cooney & Conway in pending and future cases have opted out of LNFS as of the entry date of this Order.

II. SERVICE ONLY

1. The System shall apply only to the service of documents, and not to their filing. Original documents must still be filed in the traditional manner (i.e., filing the signed original document with the Court), pursuant to the applicable Illinois Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Original service of process upon defendants is specifically excluded from this Order.

III. SERVICE LIST & SIGN UP

1. Within five (5) days of this Order, a representative of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen shall submit to the LNFS representative (Christopher D. Shaw, Esquire, @ christopherdean.shaw@lexisnexis.com) a complete and current list of counsel of record for this litigation. Within ten (10) days of this Order, each attorney of record for this litigation (who has not already opted out), or within five (5) days of the entry of appearance for a new attorney of record, shall register for electronic service in this litigation by completing the application located at the following website: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/fileandserve> (advanced registration). Each case shall have its own service list with LNFS which shall be modified as parties are added or dismissed from a case. Only counsel for parties to the lawsuit shall be named on the service list.

As new complaints are filed, a representative of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen or any other party to a case shall transmit the case information to LNFS within 10 days of the receipt of the complaint by their office to the following:

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Customer Support 24/7: 888.529.7587

New parties and/or their counsel are presumed to be opted-out until such time as they have registered via the website above.

IV. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS AND WEBSITE

A. Establishment and Use of the LNFS Website Generally

1. When any counsel of record wishes to serve a document (other than original service of process which is excluded from this Order), that counsel shall serve the document according to all the requirements and procedures of this Order. All references to "document" in this Order shall be interpreted to include any exhibits or attachments to the document and shall include both pleadings and discovery-related documents (such as interrogatories, requests for production, deposition notices/transcripts, etc.); provided, however, that each attorney shall determine individually whether to utilize the System to serve correspondence and/or the actual production of discovery documents in response to another party's request for production.

2. LNFS shall establish and maintain an Internet Website (the "Website") for this litigation. LNFS will post all documents served by the parties to the Website as provided in this Order and shall serve each document on the parties included on the individual case service list provided to LNFS in accordance with the procedures herein. Master service lists shall not be utilized for individual case filings.

3. Each attorney shall serve each document via electronic transfer of the document file to LNFS via the Internet (either as a word-processing file or a scanned image of the document).

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Each document electronically served pursuant to this Order shall be deemed to have been served under the Illinois Rules of Civil Procedure.

4. After LNFS receives a document, LNFS shall convert such document into Adobe Portable Document Format ("PDF") and post it to the Website within one (1) hour of receipt.

5. Within one (1) hour of the time a document is posted to the Website, LNFS shall send an email to registered users notifying them that the document has been posted to the Website (unless such registered user has declined to receive such email notifications). The mail shall contain hypertext link(s) to the document location(s) on the System (or, if so designated by the recipient, the email shall have the served document attached thereto).

6. In the event a document that is to be filed with the Court is rejected by the Court for filing after it has been posted on the Website by LNFS, the rejection was caused by an aspect of the caption of the document, and the party seeking to file the document successfully files it with the Court within two (2) business days of its rejection with revisions to the caption only, then the party filing the document shall promptly submit a notice of successful filing, including the date of the filing and the revised page(s) of the caption, to LNFS for posting on the Website. In all other circumstances in which a document to be filed with the Court is rejected for filing after LNFS has posted it on the Website, the party that caused the document to be posted shall promptly notify LNFS in writing that the document was rejected by the Court for filing. LNFS shall promptly notify all parties on whom that document was served of the fact of rejection, and shall cause a permanent notation to be placed on the Website in conjunction with that document memorializing the fact of rejection.

7. All documents posted on the System will be identified by: (a) the name of the serving law firm; (b) the caption(s) and case number(s) of the case(s) to which the document belongs; (c) the

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complete, descriptive title of the document set forth on its caption; and (d) the identity of the party on whose behalf the document is being served. Only documents filed under Master Case No. 98 L 00000 or similar master case captions may utilize a master service list.

8. The System shall contain an index of all served documents for the litigation that will be searchable and sortable according to methods that provide useful 24/7 365 days' access to the documents.

9. Access to the System will be limited to registered users. Registered users will consist of authorized Court personnel, counsel of record, and their designated staff members. LNFS will provide each registered user with a user name and password to access the System and the documents served in this litigation. LNFS personnel will perform all administrative functions for the System, but all initial data, additions, deletions or changes to the service list shall be submitted by individual firms via verification forms from LNFS.

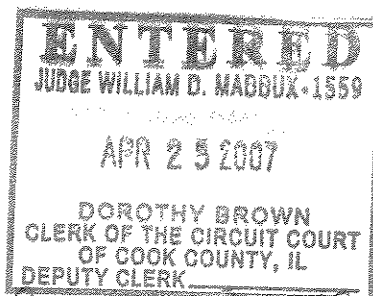
10. Every pleading, document, and instrument served electronically shall bear a facsimile or typographical signature of at least one of the attorneys of record, along with the typed name, address, telephone number and State Bar of Illinois number of such attorney. Typographical signatures shall be treated exactly as personal signatures for the purposes of electronically served documents under the Illinois Rules of Civil Procedure. The serving party of any document requiring multiple signatures (e.g., stipulations, joint status reports) must list thereon all the names of other signatories by means of an "s/ ____" block for each. By submitting such a document, the serving party certifies that each of the other signatories has expressly agreed to the form and substance of the document and that the serving party has the actual authority to submit the document electronically. The serving party must maintain any records evidencing this concurrence for subsequent production to the Court if so ordered or for inspection upon request by a party.

11. Any document transmitted to the System shall certify in the Proof of Service that a true and correct copy was electronically served on counsel of record by transmission to LNFS.

12. Until further notice, documents filed under seal ("sealed documents") shall not be served through the System. Instead, the service of sealed documents shall be made pursuant to the applicable Illinois Rules of Civil Procedure.

13. LNFS shall have available to counsel of record and the Court a 24-hour 365 days help desk hotline at (888) 529-7587 and website <http://www.lexisnexis.com/fileandserve/support.asp>.

IT IS SO ORDERED



Judge William D. Maddux

Dated _____, 2007

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