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

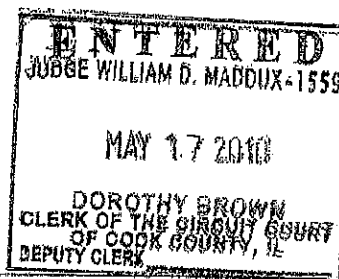
IN RE: ALL ASBESTOS LITIGATION)
) No. 09 L 00000
MASTER FILE) Master File – In Re: Asbestos Litigation

ORDER

These matters coming before the Court on status hearing for all asbestos personal injury litigation pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Law Division, in response to the Illinois Supreme Court's opinion in *Thornton v. Garcini* (Docket No. 107028) (Opinion filed October 29, 2009 – Modified upon denial of rehearing April 22, 2010) the Court having heard the arguments, comments and suggestions of counsel representing parties with cases pending before this Court, and the Court otherwise being fully informed in the premises, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Counterclaims for setoff, as relating to a request for a reduction of the damage award because a third party has compensated a plaintiff, are deemed filed. Any post-verdict setoff credit shall be applied as appropriate by the trial judge. Any counterclaims for setoff filed with a defendants answer or other pleading between October 29, 2009 and the date of this order are deemed unnecessary and superfluous. Any filing fees relating to such previously filed counterclaims for setoff are hereby waived.

SO ORDERED THIS _____ DAY OF May, 2010.



JUDGE