

[Drug Injury Watch: Zofran MDL Pending In Massachusetts With Judge Dennis Saylor Presiding](#)

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In October 2015 the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation decided to send all federal court Zofran lawsuits to the District Court of Massachusetts in Boston. Judge F. Dennis Saylor will be presiding over this new Zofran MDL.

From the Transfer Order establishing IN RE: ZOFRAN (ONDANSETRON) PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION MDL No. 2657:

After considering the argument of counsel, we find that the actions in this litigation involve common questions of fact, and that centralization in the District of Massachusetts will serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses and promote the just and efficient conduct of the litigation. These actions share factual questions arising from allegations that Zofran and its generic equivalent, a prescription medication for the treatment of nausea, causes birth defects in children when their mothers ingest the drug while pregnant. Centralization will eliminate duplicative discovery; prevent inconsistent pretrial rulings; and conserve the resources of the parties, their counsel, and the judiciary.

Next Judge Saylor will start to organize this federal court Zofran MDL by means of issuing Case Management Orders. These will serve to guide the litigation through the discovery process and towards eventual "bellwether" test case trials.

Here is a **quick overview of the Zofran litigation**.

Some women with severe morning sickness were prescribed Zofran (ondansetron) and have had babies born with congenital malformations such as cleft palate and cleft lip, or various types of heart-related birth defects including:

- Atrial Septal Defect / ASD (a hole in the atria of the heart)
- Ventricular Septal Defect / VSD (a hole in the ventricle of the heart)
- Tetralogy of Fallot / TOF (cardiac anomaly that refers to a combination of four related heart defects which commonly occur together; it affects normal blood flow through the heart)

We are investigating possible Zofran drug injury lawsuits against GlaxoSmithKline for cases where Zofran used by pregnant women resulted in congenital heart defects and cleft palate as well as other birth defects, deformities, and malformations in children born to those women.

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- [A 2004 Medical Journal Article Indicated A Possible Link Between The "Morning Sickness" Drug Use Of Zofran And Hypospadias](#)
- [Zofran Associated With Birth Defects When Used During Pregnancy As An "Off-Label" Morning Sickness Treatment](#)

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