

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY  
**ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

<u>JOHNS MANVILLE III</u>	
URBAN	L-3120-16
TABBIT	L-7132-16
MESSINGER	L-1968-17
SALCO	L-5848-17

**Civil Action**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER III**

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on March 26, 2019:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Cohen Placitella & Roth	William L. Kuzmin	Plaintiff(s) <i>Napoli Shkolnik -Plaintiff(s) co-counsel for Salko</i>
Caruso Smith	Lisa Massimi	CertainTeed; Union Carbide
Day Pitney	Joshua Katz	International Paper
Jardim Meisner	Nancy Giacumbo	Hollingsworth & Vose
Kent McBride	Joseph Grady	Mine Safety Appliance
McElroy Deutsch	Michelle Hydrusko	Occidental Chemical
McGivney Kluger	Armand Kawayan	Special Electric (Salko only)
McGivney Kluger	Caitlin Bodtmann	Whittacker Clark & Daniels

IT IS on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of **March, 2019**, *effective from the conference date*;

ORDERED as follows:

Counsel receiving this Order through computerized electronic medium (E-Mail) shall be deemed by the court to have received a copy of the filed original court document. Any document served pursuant to this Order shall be deemed to be served by mail pursuant to R.1:5-2.

Any jurisdictional motions must be filed in accordance with the Court Rules or be waived.

Any *forum non conveniens* motions must be filed as soon as practicable; once sufficient discovery is conducted so that the motion may be properly brought.

These matters are hereby consolidated for discovery, case management and trial.

**DISCOVERY**

September 30, 2019 Fact discovery, including depositions, shall be completed by this date. Plaintiff's counsel shall contact the Special Master within one week of this deadline if all fact discovery is not completed.

September 30, 2019 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

September 3, 2019 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT**

November 29, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

November 29, 2019 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.

March 31, 2020 Defendants shall identify its medical experts and serve medical reports, if any, by this date. In addition, defendants shall notify plaintiff's counsel (as well as all counsel of record) of a joinder in an expert medical defense by this date.

### **LIABILITY EXPERT REPORTS**

November 29, 2019 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

March 31, 2020 Defendants shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports, if any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

December 20, 2019 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

January 17, 2020 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

February 14, 2020 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

November 29, 2019 Plaintiff shall identify its expert economists and serve expert economist report(s), if any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on economic expert testimony.

March 31, 2020 Defendants shall identify its expert economists and serve expert economist report(s), if any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on economic expert testimony.

### **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

April 30, 2020 Expert depositions shall be completed by this date. To the extent that plaintiff and defendant generic experts have been deposed before, the parties seeking that deposition in this case must file an application before the Special Master and demonstrate the necessity for that deposition. To the extent possible, documents requested in a deposition notice directed to an expert shall be produced three days in advance of the expert deposition. The expert shall not be required to produce documents that are readily accessible in the public domain.

**PRE-TRIAL AND TRIAL**

October 10, 2019 @ 10:00am Settlement conference. All defense counsel shall appear with authority to negotiate settlement and have a representative authorized to negotiate settlement available by phone. Any request to be excused from the settlement conference shall be made to the Special Master no later than 4:00pm of the day prior to the conference.

May 5, 2020 @ 10:00am Settlement conference. All defense counsel shall appear with authority to negotiate settlement and have a representative authorized to negotiate settlement available by phone. Any request to be excused from the settlement conference shall be made to the Special Master no later than 4:00pm of the day prior to the conference.

June 1, 2020 Trial Date. (*The November 18, 2019 trial is adjourned to this date.*)

***Plaintiff(s) counsel shall serve a copy of this Order upon any additional counsel immediately upon receipt.***

*/s/ Ana C. Viscomi*  
ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort