SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

**Docket No:** L-5218-18 (AS)

MARY BLACK,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON, JOHNSON & JOHNSON CONSUMER, INC.

Defendant(s).

**Civil Action** 

# **CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I**

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *November 14, 2018*:

| FIRM               | ATTORNEY       | CLIENT  |
|--------------------|----------------|---|
| Levy Konigsberg    | Lara Weissman  | Plaintiff(s)                                  |
| McCarter & English | Debra M. Perry | Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Consumer |

IT IS on this 15th day of November, 2018, 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.

Defense counsel shall notify plaintiff's counsel within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order if their client was incorrectly named in the Complaint. Counsel may be barred from raising this defense at a later time for failure to comply.

# **DISCOVERY**

| December 7, 2018  | Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.                           |  |
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| December 14, 2018 | Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.          |  |
| January 18, 2019  | Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date. |  |
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March 29, 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.

March 29, 2019 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

# **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

June 14, 2019 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

# **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

April 26, 2019 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

May 10, 2019 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

June 7, 2019 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

# **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

April 30, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

April 30, 2019 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens

and x-rays, if any, by this date.

July 3, 2019 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

April 30, 2019 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports or a certified expert

statement by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

July 3, 2019 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.

# **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

April 30, 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.

July 3, 2019 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.

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# **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

July 31, 2019 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

To be scheduled Settlement conference.

August 19, 2019 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

August 26, 2019 Trial-Ready Date.

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

/s/ Ana C. Víscomí ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort

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