

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

Docket No: L-2911-17 (AS)

Civil Action

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I

MICHELLE & RICHARD CHAPMAN, <i>Plaintiff(s),</i>
vs.
BASF CATALYSTS LLC, et al <i>Defendant(s).</i>

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on September 28, 2017:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Lanier Law Firm	Joseph Cotilletta	Plaintiff(s)
DLA Piper	Stephen Barrett	BASF Catalysts
Drinker Biddle	Christine Lozier	Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc.
Gibbons PC	Robert Brown	Honeywell International
Hardin Kundla	Laura Dunn	Chicago Pneumatic Tool
Hawkins Parnell	Roy Viola	Pneumo Abex
Hoagland Longo	James Goodloe	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
Lewis Brisbois	Steven T. Corbin	Rio Tinto Ltd.
McMahon Martine	Patrick Brophy	Personal Care Products Council
Rawle & Henderson	Paul Smyth	Cyprus Amax Minerals; Imerys Talc America

IT IS on this 3rd day of **October, 2017**, 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

- October 13, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve answers to standard interrogatories.
- October 27, 2017 Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.
- November 10, 2017 Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
- December 11, 2017 Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
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- December 11, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
- January 31, 2018 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.
- January 31, 2018 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

EARLY SETTLEMENT

- April 20, 2017 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

- March 2, 2018 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.
- March 16, 2018 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.
- April 13, 2018 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

MEDICAL DEFENSE

- October 13, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve executed medical authorizations (along with answers to interrogatories) by this date.
- February 16, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.
- February 16, 2018 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.
- May 4, 2018 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

- March 2, 2018 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.
- May 4, 2018 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

- March 2, 2018 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.
- May 4, 2018 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

June 1, 2018 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

May 9, 2018 @ 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 15, 2018 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

June 25, 2018 Trial-Ready 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