SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

## **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

JUDITH COVIL,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

AVON PRODUCTS INC., et al

Defendant(s),

**Docket No:** L-6392-17 (AS)

**Civil Action** 

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER V** 

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *January 23, 2019*:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Levy Konigsberg	Lara Weissman	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith	Alexandra Caruso	Metropolitan Life
Gibbons PC	Robert Brown	Honeywell International
McCarter & English	Debra M. Perry	Johnson & Johnson ; Johnson & Johnson Consumer
McGivney Kluger	Joel Clark	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
Rawle & Henderson	Sebastian Goldstein	Cyprus Amax Minerals; Imerys Talc America
Rivkin Radler	Brian R. Ade	Avon Products, Inc.; Helen of Troy

IT IS on this 25th day of January, 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.

## **DISCOVERY**

February 28, 2019 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

# EARLY SETTLEMENT

May 17, 2019 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

# MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT

June 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

March 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.

June 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.

# SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

March 29 2019 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

April 12, 2019 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

May 10, 2019 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

#### **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

March 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.

June 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.

## **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

June 28, 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

April 10, 2019 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.

To be scheduled Settlement conference.

July 22, 2019 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

July 29, 2019 Trial-Ready Date. (The May 20, 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. Víscomí ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort

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