

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

**Docket No:** L-7000-15 (AS)

**Civil Action**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER IV**

PATRICIA CUPANO,  vs.  ASBESTOS CORPORATION LTD., et al	<i>Plaintiff(s),</i>    <i>Defendant(s).</i>
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This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on January 23, 2018:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Keefe Law Firm	Jennifer Ruhl	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith	Richard Picini	CertainTeed; Union Carbide
Goldfein & Joseph	Madhurika Jeremiah	Atlas Turner; ACL; Bell
Hack Piro	Robert Alencewicz	Johansen
Hardin Kundla	Nicea D'Annunzio	Calon Insulation
Jones Law Office	Richard V. Jones	Metropolitan Life
Margolis Edelstein	Jeff Hall-Gale	Woolsulate
McGivney Kluger	Caitlin Bodtmann	Raritan Supply; Leonard Buck Inc.
Styliades Mezzanotte	Mark Macdonald	HM Royal
Tierney Law Office	Mark Turner	Elizabeth Industrial

IT IS on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of **January, 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.

**DISCOVERY**

- March 23, 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.
- March 23, 2018      Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

March 30, 2018 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

March 30, 2018 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

April 13, 2018 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

May 11, 2018 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

March 23, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

March 23, 2018 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.

July 13, 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**

May 31, 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.

July 13, 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.

### **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

July 31, 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**

April 5, 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.

July 18, 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.

August 13, 2018

Pretrial Information Exchange Form due.

August 20, 2018

**Trial-Ready** Date. (*The May 21, 2018 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