

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

**Docket No:** L-5808-17 (AS)

**Civil Action**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I**

KAREN & MICHAEL DOUGHERTY, <i>Plaintiff(s),</i>
vs.
BRENNTAG NORTH AMERICA, 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 December 19, 2017:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Simmons Hanly	Laurence Nassif Jim Kramer	Plaintiff(s)
Drinker Biddle	Justin Ginter	Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Consumer
Hoagland Longo	Alyssa DeFuria	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
Pascarella DiVita	Joshua Greeley	Crane Co.
Rawle & Henderson	Timothy Alexander	Imerys Talc America

IT IS on this 3<sup>rd</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.

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**

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| January 19, 2018  | Plaintiff shall serve answers to standard interrogatories.                                         |
| February 2, 2018  | Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.                           |
| February 16, 2018 | Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.          |
| March 16, 2018    | Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date. |
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| March 16, 2018    | Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.  |

- April 13, 2018 Plaintiff depositions shall be concluded by this date. Plaintiff's counsel shall contact the Special Master within one week of this deadline if plaintiff depositions are not completed by this date.
- May 15, 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.
- June 29, 2018 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

- July 31, 2018 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

- September 28, 2018 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.
- October 26, 2018 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

- January 19, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve executed medical authorizations (along with answers to interrogatories) by this date.
- January 19, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve a diagnostic medical report and any medical records in plaintiff's possession by this date.
- September 17, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.
- November 30, 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**

- September 17, 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.
- November 30, 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**

- September 17, 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.
- November 30, 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**

January 15, 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.  
January 29, 2019                    Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.  
February 4, 2019                    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