

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

**Docket No:** L-2313-18 (AS)

**Civil Action**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I**

ROSARIO ESCOBAR,  vs.  AVON PRODUCTS, INC., 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 June 15, 2018:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Weitz & Luxenberg	Robert Silverman	Plaintiff(s)
Drinker Biddle	Justin Ginter	Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Consumer
Hoagland Longo	Andrew Kessler	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
Jones Law Office	Richard V. Jones	Metropolitan Life
O'Toole Scrivo	Gary Van Lieu	Colgate Palmolive
Rawle & Henderson	Sebastian Goldstein	Cyprus Amax Minerals; Imerys Talc America

IT IS on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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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| June 29, 2018   | Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.                           |
| July 13, 2018   | Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.          |
| August 13, 2018 | Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date. |
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| August 13, 2018 | Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.  |

October 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.

October 31, 2018 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

January 4, 2019 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

January 4, 2019 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

January 18, 2019 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

February 15, 2019 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

December 31, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

February 19, 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**

December 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.

February 19, 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**

December 31, 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.

February 19, 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**

March 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**

March 1, 2019 @ 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.

April 15, 2019 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

April 22, 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