

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

**Docket No:** L-2046-19 (AS)

**Civil Action**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I**

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| THOMAS & EDITH TRAUTWEIN,<br><i>Plaintiff(s),</i>       |
| vs.   |
| ALCATEL LUCENT USA, INC., et al<br><i>Defendant(s).</i> |

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on October 30, 2019:

| FIRM                 | ATTORNEY           | CLIENT                                   |
|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| Maune Raichle        | Patrick Timmins    | Plaintiff(s)                             |
| Breuninger & Fellman | Kathleen Ramalho   | Genuine Parts                            |
| Caruso Smith         | Alexandra Caruso   | Union Carbide                            |
| Drinker Biddle       | Jack N. Frost, Jr. | American Optical Corp.                   |
| Gibbons PC           | Daniel Dorfman     | Honeywell International                  |
| Goldfein & Joseph    | Madhurika Jeremiah | Asbestos Corp. Ltd.                      |
| Kent McBride         | Theresa Mullaney   | Mine Safety Appliances                   |
| Marks O'Neill        | Paul Smyth         | Caterpillar Inc.                         |
| McCarter & English   | Elizabeth Monahan  | Fisher Scientific                        |
| McGivney Kluger      | Thomas McNulty     | Cummins Inc.                             |
| O'Toole Scrivo       | Leslie Lombardy    | DCo, LLC                                 |
| Tanenbaum Keale      | Elizabeth Gee      | Borg Warner                              |
| Troutman Sanders     | Joanne Rogers      | Parker Hannifan; Standard Motor Products |

IT IS on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 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.

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.

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**

November 8, 2019 Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.

November 22, 2019 Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

December 20, 2019 Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

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December 20, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

January 31, 2020 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, 2020 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

May 1, 2020 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT**

February 28, 2020 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

February 28, 2020 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.

June 1, 2020 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**

February 28, 2020 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 1, 2020 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 13, 2020 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

March 27, 2020 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

April 24, 2020 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

June 30, 2020 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**

June 25, 2020 @ 1:30pm Settlement conference. All defense counsel shall appear with authority to negotiate settlement and have a representative authorized to negotiate settlement available by phone.

July 27, 2020 Trial 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

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