SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

## **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

**Docket No:** L-7152-17 (AS)

HEATHER HAYES HATTER

(Estate of Terry Hayes),

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

BRENNTAG NORTH AMERICA, et al

Defendant(s).

**Civil Action** 

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER III** 

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *January 3, 2019*:

| FIRM               | ATTORNEY            | CLIENT  |
|--------------------|---------------------|---|
| Levy Konigsberg    | Robert Ellis        | Plaintiff(s)                                  |
| McCarter & English | Debra M. Perry      | Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Consumer |
| McGivney Kluger    | Caitlin Bodtmann    | Whittaker Clark & Daniels                     |
| Rawle & Henderson  | Sebastian Goldstein | Cyprus Amax Minerals; Imerys Talc America;    |
|                    |                     | Imerys Talc Vermont; Imerys USA               |

IT IS on this 4th 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.

## **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

May 24, 2019 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

# MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT

| March 15, 2019 | Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.  |
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| March 15, 2019 | Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.  |
| June 28, 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 15, 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 28, 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 15, 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 28, 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**

July 26, 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.

August 26, 2019 Trial Date. (The June 24, 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