

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

Docket No: L-4886-18 (AS)

Civil Action

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER II

ESTATE of CHARLOTTE HOTTMAN, <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 May 1, 2019:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Simmons Hanly	Olivia Kelly	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith	Richard V. Jones	Metropolitan Life
Gordon Rees	Lee Henig-Elona	Estee Lauder
McCarter & English	Amanda M. Munsie	Johnson & Johnson, Johnson & Johnson Consumer
McGivney Kluger	Caitlin Bodtmann	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
Rawle & Henderson	Samuel Garson	Cyprus Amax Minerals; Imerys Talc America

IT IS on this 2nd day of May 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.

DISCOVERY

July 31, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve answers to wrongful death interrogatories by this date.

EARLY SETTLEMENT

August 30, 2019 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT

- August 30, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.
- August 30, 2019 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.
- October 31, 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

- August 30, 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.
- October 31, 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

- August 30, 2019 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.
- November 22, 2019 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.
- December 20, 2019 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

EXPERT DEPOSITIONS

- January 31, 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

- To be scheduled Settlement conference.
- March 2, 2020 Trial Date. *(The August 26, 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. Viscomi
ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort