

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

**Docket No:** L-4886-18 (AS)

**Civil Action**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER III**

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 December 17, 2019:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Simmons Hanly	Olivia Kelly	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith	Richard V. Jones	Metropolitan Life
McCarter & English	John G. Garde	Johnson & Johnson, Johnson & Johnson Consumer
McGivney Kluger	Caitlin Bodtmann	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
Rawle & Henderson	Brian Lowenberg	Cyprus Amax Minerals Co.

IT IS on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of **December 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**

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| January 31, 2020  | Plaintiff shall serve answers to wrongful death interrogatories and supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.  |
| January 31, 2020  | Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.  |
| February 28, 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. |

March 20, 2020 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

September 4, 2020 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT**

June 30, 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**

April 30, 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 30, 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**

July 10, 2020 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

July 24, 2020 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

August 21, 2020 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

April 30, 2020 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 30, 2020 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**

September 25, 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.

October 26, 2020

Trial Date. (*The March 2, 2020 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: counsel:

Gordon Rees for *Estee Lauder*

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort