

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

Docket No: L-7565-17 (AS)

Civil Action

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER IV

SHERRY LUKE,	<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 August 23, 2019:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Simmons Hanly	James Kramer	Plaintiff(s)
Goldberg Segalla	H. Lockwood Miller	Procter & Gamble
McCarter & English	Debra M. Perry	Johnson & Johnson, Johnson & Johnson Consumer
McGivney Kluger	Caitlin Bodtmann	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
O'Toole Scrivo	Gary Van Lieu	Colgate Palmolive
Rawle & Henderson	Brian Lowenberg	Cyprus Amax Minerals

IT IS on this 26th day of August 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

October 7, 2019 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT

October 7, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

October 7, 2019 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.

December 6, 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

- October 7, 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.
- December 6, 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

- October 7, 2019 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.
- January 17, 2020 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.
- February 14, 2020 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS

- October 7, 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.
- December 6, 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 6, 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

- October 23, 2019 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.
- March 4, 2020 @ 10:00am Settlement / Status 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 6, 2020 Trial-Ready Date. (*The November 12, 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