SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

## **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

**Docket No:** L-7560-13 (AS)

BETTY MORTON

(Estate of Roger Morton),

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

ALFA LAVAL INC., 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 *July 6, 2016:* 

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Shivers Gosnay & Greatrex	Donald Gosnay	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith	Stacey Lee Trien	CertainTeed
Kent McBride		Alfa Laval
McGivney Kluger	Thomas McNulty	Brand Insulation
Pascarella DeVita	Joshua Greeley	Ingersoll Rand
Sedgwick LLP / Speziali	Joanne Hawkins	General Electric; Foster Wheeler

IT IS on this 7th day of July, 2016, 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.

## **DISCOVERY**

October 31, 2016 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.

November 30, 2016 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

# **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

December 20, 2016 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

## **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

December 20, 2016 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

January 6, 2017 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

February 3, 2017 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

#### MEDICAL DEFENSE

November 30, 2016 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology

specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.

April 10, 2017 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 3, 2017 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports or a certified

expert statement by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

April 10, 2017 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.

# **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

March 3, 2017 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.

April 10, 2017 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**

April 28, 2017 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

September 9, 2016 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.

April 25, 2017 @ 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. 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.

May 22, 2017 Trial Date. (The October 3, 2016 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

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