

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

**Docket No:** L-7007-17 (AS)

**Civil Action**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I**

DAVID & DIANE RASA,  vs.  AO SMITH WATER PRODUCTS, et al	<i>Plaintiff(s),</i>     <i>Defendant(s).</i>
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This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on March 9, 2018:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Weitz & Luxenberg	Michelle Murtha	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith	Marcia DePolo	Union Carbide
Delany McBride	Ariana Seidel	Peerless, Ind.
Eckert Seaman	Ezra Alter	AO Smith Water Products
Fox Rothschild	Andrew J. Karas	Kuiken Brothers
Gibbons PC	Robert Brown	The Sherwin-Williams Co.
Hoagland Longo	Jillian Madison	Kohler Co.
Margolis Edelstein	Jeanine D. Clark	BF Goodrich
Mayfield Turner	Sara Saltsman	Carrier Corp.
McCarter & English	John C. Garde	Fisher Scientific
McElroy Deutsch	Joseph D. Rasnek	Burnham
McGivney Kluger	Joel Clark	Weil McLain; Allied Building Products; DAP; Elmwood Supply
Pascarella DiVita	Gabriel Miller	Rheem / Ruud
Porzio Bromberg	Michelle M. Burke	EI DuPont de Nemours
Reilly McDevitt	Ryan Notarangelo	Hilco, Inc.

IT IS on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018, *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.

Defense counsel shall notify plaintiff's counsel within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order if their client was incorrectly named in the Complaint. Counsel may be barred from raising this defense at a later time for failure to comply.

**DISCOVERY**

March 23, 2018                      Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.

April 6, 2018                        Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

May 7, 2018 Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

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May 7, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

July 9, 2018 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.

July 9, 2018 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

July 6, 2018 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

July 6, 2018 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

July 20, 2018 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

August 17, 2018 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

June 29, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

September 28, 2018 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**

June 29, 2018 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.

September 28, 2018 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**

June 29, 2018 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.

September 28, 2018 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**

October 22, 2018      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 18, 2018 @ 10:00am      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.

November 19, 2018      Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

November 26, 2018      Trial-Ready 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