

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

Docket No: L-5427-17 (AS)

Civil Action

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I

SAMUEL & GAIL RIZZO, vs. 3M COMPANY, 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 1, 2018:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Cohen Placitella & Roth	Dennis Geier	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith	Alexandra Caruso	Union Carbide; CertainTeed
Connell Foley	Scott Press	PSE&G
Garrity Graham	Stephen F. Balsamo	United Conveyor Corp.
Goldfein & Joseph	Madhurika Jeremiah	ACL; Bell
Lavin O'Neil	Donna Candelora	3M Co.
Maron Marvel	Timothy Coughlan	Industrial Holdings Corp. f/k/a The Carborundum Co.
McGivney Kluger	Joel Clark	DAP
Reilly McDevitt	Adrianna Exler	Cleaver Brooks
Tanenbaum Keale	Afigo Fadahunsi	Borg Warner; CBS Corp.; Foster Wheeler; General Electric

IT IS on this 5th 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 16, 2018 Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.
- March 30, 2018 Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
- April 30, 2018 Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

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April 30, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

July 20, 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 20, 2018 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

EARLY SETTLEMENT

August 31, 2018 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

August 31, 2018 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

September 14, 2018 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

October 12, 2018 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

MEDICAL DEFENSE

September 4, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

September 4, 2018 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.

November 30, 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

September 4, 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.

November 30, 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.

EXPERT DEPOSITIONS

December 31, 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

December 11, 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.

January 22, 2019 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

January 28, 2019 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