

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

Docket No: L-2399-17 (AS)

Civil Action

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I

CHARLES WAIVER,	<i>Plaintiff(s),</i>
vs.	
3M COMPANY, 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 June 28, 2017:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Simmons Hanly	Laurence Nassif	Plaintiff(s)
Garrity Graham	Anthony Marino	United Conveyor Corp.
Gibbons PC	Phillip J. Duffy	Yuba Heat Transfer
Hardin Kundla	Cynthia Lee	Calon Insulation Corp.
Hoagland Longo	Jilliam Madison	WW Grainger
Lavin O'Neil	Catherine Brunermer	3M Company
Leader & Berkon	Christine Bucca	Spirax Sarco; Copes Vulcan
Lynch Daskel	Alexander Broche	Gerard Packing
Margolis Edelstein	Dawn Dezii	John Crane Inc.
Maron Marvel	Carolyn Williams	Industrial Holdings Corp.
Marshall Dennehey	Christopher Block	Riley Stoker
McGivney Kluger	Thomas McNulty	Flowserve Corp.
Pascarella DiVita	Inge R. Cully	Trane US Inc.; Crane Co.
Rawle & Hendsen	David J. Samlin	Henkels & McCoy, Inc.
Styliades Mezzanotte	Alfonso Ibrahim	HM Royal
Wilbraham Lawler	Matthew Jones	Air & Liquid Systems Corp.
Wildstein Law Firm	Joseph Kampherstien	Tri-City Insulation

IT IS on this 5th day of July, 2017, *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

July 31, 2017

Plaintiff shall serve answers to standard interrogatories.

August 31, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve answers to wrongful death interrogatories by this date.

August 11, 2017 Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.

July 31, 2017 Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

September 8, 2017 Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

August 11, 2017 Defendants shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

September 8, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

November 10, 2017 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.

January 31, 2018 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

EARLY SETTLEMENT

December 15, 2017 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

February 16, 2018 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

March 1, 2018 (*Thurs.*) Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

March 29, 2018 (*Thurs.*) Last return date for summary judgment motions.

MEDICAL DEFENSE

July 31, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve executed medical authorizations (along with answers to interrogatories) by this date.

August 18, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve a diagnostic medical report and any medical records in plaintiff's possession by this date.

March 30, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

March 30, 2018 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.

May 31, 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

- March 30, 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.
- May 31, 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

- June 15, 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

- April 27, 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.
- June 25, 2018 Trial 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