

In Re: Singlair ® Litigation

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION: ATLANTIC COUNTY
MCL 637

MASTER DOCKET NO. ATL-L-481-22

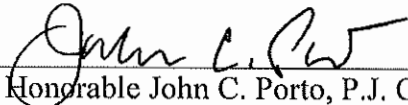
CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER #15
BELLWETHER SCHEDULE

THIS MATTER, having come before the Court and upon agreement of the parties and for good cause having been shown:

IT IS on this 15th day of November 2024, ORDERED as follows:

- December 9, 2024 at noon: Parties shall submit, via e-Courts filed correspondence, their 5 picks to move forward as the trial pool bellwether cases ("Trial Bellwethers). If there is any overlap in the selections, the Court will randomly pick cases to achieve a total of 10 Trial Bellwether cases.
- February 1, 2025: Deadline for Merck to produce custodial files for the 4 custodians that plaintiffs identified by November 1, 2024.
- February 10, 2025: If, before this date, a Trial Bellwether case is dismissed with prejudice (or without prejudice if a minor), the Defendants will be entitled to select a replacement case. If, after this date, a Defense selected case is dismissed with prejudice, the Defense may strike a plaintiff pick. If, after this date, a plaintiff or Court pick is dismissed with prejudice, it will not be replaced.
- March 1, 2024: Deadline for plaintiffs to identify 3 "Additional Custodians" of Defendants.
- May 16, 2025: Deadline for Merck to produce custodial files for the 3 "Additional Custodians" identified by March 1, 2025.
- June 2, 2025: Deadline to serve Interrogatories in Trial Bellwethers. Plaintiffs may serve no more than 12 Interrogatories. Defendants may serve no more than 5 Interrogatories per each remaining Trial Bellwether case.

- July 14, 2025: Deadline for Trial Bellwether discovery and discovery of Merck.
- August 15, 2025: Plaintiffs' deadline for disclosing experts and providing reports for Trial Bellwether cases.
- September 19, 2025: Defendants' deadline for disclosing experts and providing reports for Trial Bellwether Cases.
- November 21, 2025: Deadline for completion of expert discovery Trial Bellwether Cases.
- January 16, 2026: Deadline to file Motions for Summary Judgment and Kemp motions for Trial Bellwether Cases.


The Honorable John C. Porto, P.J. Cv.