

APRIL 30, 2021

HON. BRUCE J. KAPLAN, J.S.C.

IN RE TAXOTERE LITIGATION

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION – MIDDLESEX COUNTY

CASE TYPE: MCL NO. 628

MASTER DOCKET NO.:

MID-L-4998-18-CM

**CIVIL ACTION
IN RE TAXOTERE LITIGATION**

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 14

THIS MATTER having come before the Court for a Case Management Conference *via* Zoom on March 24, 2021, and the parties having met and conferred; and for good cause shown:

IT IS on this 30 day of April, 2021, **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The parties will participate in an in-chambers meeting to discuss their proposed Product Identification Order No. 4 orders on **April 6, 2021**.

2. The parties shall submit joint case lists and an updated Official Service Counsel List that sets forth a breakdown of cases by counsel and parties to the Court by **April 9, 2021**.

3. By **May 5, 2021**, each Plaintiff listed on Exhibit A, attached hereto, shall provide Defendants with a further written update regarding the status of her efforts to comply with Product Identification Order #3. This obligation applies even if a Plaintiff has no new information since her last update provided pursuant to Case Management Order No. 13. Defendants shall provide a status update to Plaintiffs' and Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel by **May 12, 2021**.

4. The parties will schedule a meeting with liaison counsel to discuss the status of the bellwether cases.

5. No individual plaintiff may file any pleading on the Master Docket. Liaison Counsel, as well as lead and local counsel for each Defendant, may find the need from time to time to submit filings utilizing the master MCL docket number. When doing so, the filing party shall serve a courtesy copy *via* electronic mail on the Court's law clerk, copying all liaison counsel. In addition, a courtesy copy shall be served on all counsel *via* electronic mail per the Official Counsel Service List.

6. The Court will hold an in-chambers meeting *via* Zoom with all liaison counsel on **May 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** Plaintiffs shall circulate a Zoom link and dial-in to liaison counsel and the Court prior to the meeting. Liaison counsel shall submit a proposed agenda 48 hours before the meeting.

7. The next Case Management Conference is scheduled for **May 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** *via* Zoom. Plaintiffs shall circulate a Zoom link and dial-in to all counsel of record and the Court prior to the conference. On **May 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**, the Court will hold a pre-Case Management Conference in-chambers meeting *via* Zoom with all liaison counsel. Plaintiffs shall circulate a Zoom link and dial-in to liaison counsel and the Court prior to the meeting. The parties shall submit a joint agenda to the Court listing the issues for the Case Management Conference, *via* e-mail, by **May 12, 2021**. Plaintiffs shall send a proposed agenda to Defendants on or before **May 5, 2021**.

8. Any attorneys admitted *pro hac vice* must submit an Affidavit of Compliance for his/her 2021 fees, as required by Paragraph 7(h) of the Initial Order for Case Management to Marisol Rodriguez (Marisol.Rodriguez@njcourts.gov) by **May 3, 2021**.

9. The Court may find the need, from time to time, to speak with a party *ex parte* to discuss the possibility of settlement or non-substantive issues. The parties have been placed on notice, and agree, that the Court may use its authority to engage in *ex parte* communications to

assist in the progress of this litigation. By consent of all parties, the Court may contact or be contacted on an *ex parte* basis regarding settlement and non-substantive issues only. The Court may also, from time to time, conduct phone conferences with liaison counsel.

SO ORDERED.

/s/ Bruce J. Kaplan

The Hon. Bruce J. Kaplan, J.S.C.

EXHIBIT A

PRODUCT ID EVIDENCE DEFICIENCIES		
Plaintiff Name	Docket Number	Plaintiff Law Firm
Ali, Salima	L-007810-18	Cohen Placitella & Roth, The Simon Law Firm
Gaddis, Sharon A.	L-000156-20	Robins Kaplan Ferrer Poirot & Wansbrough
Henwood, Carol	L-007689-18	Sanders Phillips Grossman
Lindenberg, Jessica	L-001153-19	Robins Kaplan TorHoerman
Mruczewwycz, Monica	L-006922-18	Robins Kaplan Shaw Cowart
Peri, Leslie	L-007776-18	Robins Kaplan Pendley Baudin & Coffin
Phillips, Johnnie	L-007821-18	Robins Kaplan Shaw Cowart
Polcer, Susan	L-007803-18	Berezofsky Law Group, Watts Guerra
Winter, Susan	L-006286-19	Law Offices of Terence Sweeney
Ballard, Sheila	L-007628-18	Napoli Shkolnik
Bigwood, Ann	L-007819-18	Robins Kaplan Zoll & Kranz
Bolton, Mary A.	L-007649-18	Napoli Shkolnik
Holden, Vera Dale	L-007592-18	Napoli Shkolnik
Love, Anginette	L-007672-18	Napoli Shkolnik
Richey, Kimberly	L-007595-18	Napoli Shkolnik
Taylor, Patsy S.	L-007646-18	Napoli Shkolnik
Johnson, Roxann*	L-007808-18	Napoli Shkolnik Hilliard Martinez Gonzalez
Ward, Kathleen*	L-007768-18	Napoli Shkolnik
Mills, Denise*	L-001297-20	Robins Kaplan Ferrer Poirot & Wansbrough

* Added on the list April 9, 2021.