

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

EMIL ALLGEIER, <i>Plaintiff(s),</i> vs. AO SMITH WATER PRODUCTS, et al <i>Defendant(s).</i> ----- EMIL ALLGEIER, <i>Plaintiff(s),</i> vs. AO SMITH WATER PRODUCTS, et al <i>Defendant(s).</i>

Docket No: L-2194-16 (AS)

Docket No: L-2922-16 (AS)

Civil Action

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on July 8, 2016:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Weitz & Luxenberg	Brandi Everett	Plaintiff(s)
Christie & Young	George S. Bobnak	HB Fuller Co.
Gibbons PC	Mark R. Galdieri	Honeywell International Inc.
Marks O'Neill	Paul Smyth	Columbia Boiler
Maron Marvel	Carolyn Williams	Keeler Dorr Oliver
McGivney Kluger	Caitlin Christie	Faribanks; Weil McLain; Pecora
O'Toole Fernandez	Gary Van Lieu	Dana
Pascarella DiVita	Bradley E. Bishop	Crane
Reilly Janiczek	Adrianna Exler	Cleaber-Brooks
Speziali Greenwald	Joanne Hawkins	Foster Wheeler

IT IS on this 11th day of July, 2016, *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 29, 2016 Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.

August 19, 2016 Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

September 19, 2016 Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

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September 19, 2016 Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

October 31, 2016 Plaintiff depositions shall be concluded by this date. Plaintiff's counsel shall contact the Special Master within one week of this deadline if plaintiff depositions are not completed by this date.

December 30, 2016 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.

December 30, 2016 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

EARLY SETTLEMENT

January 20, 2017 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

January 20, 2017 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

February 3, 2017 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

March 3, 2017 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

MEDICAL DEFENSE

December 30, 2016 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

March 17, 2017 The defense medical examination of plaintiff(s) shall be completed by this date.

April 14, 2017 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

January 27, 2017 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.

April 14, 2017 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

January 27, 2017 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.

April 14, 2017 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

May 12, 2017 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

May 11, 2017 @ 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 12, 2017 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