

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

WILLIE & ADRIENNE BLOUNT, <i>Plaintiff(s),</i>
vs.
AO SMITH WATER PRODUCTS CO., et al <i>Defendant(s).</i>

Docket No: L-3489-19 (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 November 6, 2019:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Weitz & Luxenberg	Robert Silverman	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith	Richard Picini	CertainTeed; Union Carbide
Eckert Seamans	Christopher Bladel	AO Smith Water Products Co.
Goldfein & Joseph	Willard Preston	Domco
Hack Piro	Robert Alencewicz	HB Smith
Hawkins Parnell	Manuel Guevara	Kelly Moore
Leader Berkon	Christine Bucca	Weil McLain
Marks O'Neill	Nicole M. Mulhern	JM Manufacturing Co.
Marshall Dennehey	Doug Suplee	Pep Boys
McGivney Kluger	Trish Wilson	Graybar; Western Auto Supply Co.
Porzio Bromberg	Michelle Burke	EI du Pont de Nemours & Co.
Rawle & Henderson	Samuel Garson	American Biltrite Inc.
Reilly McDevitt	Joshua Sonstein	Cleaver Brooks

IT IS on this 6th day of **November 2019**, *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.

Any jurisdictional motions must be filed in accordance with the Court Rules or be waived.

Any *forum non conveniens* motions must be filed as soon as practicable; once sufficient discovery is conducted so that the motion may be properly brought.

DISCOVERY

November 15, 2019 Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.

December 6, 2019 Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

January 10, 2020 Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

December 6, 2019 Defendants shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

January 10, 2020 Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

February 14, 2020 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.

February 14, 2020 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

EARLY SETTLEMENT

June 5, 2020 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT

March 31, 2020 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

March 31, 2020 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.

July 3, 2020 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 31, 2020 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

July 3, 2020 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.

SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

April 10, 2020 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

April 24, 2020 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

May 22, 2020 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

EXPERT DEPOSITIONS

July 30, 2020 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

July 31, 2020 @ 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.

August 31, 2020 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