

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

Docket No: **L-6304-15 (AS)**

MARY LOUISE CHECKWOOD
(Estate of ANDREW CHECKWOOD),
Plaintiff(s),

vs.
BRENNTAG NORTH AMERICA, INC., et al
Defendant(s).

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 December 2, 2015:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Simon Greenstone	Leah Kagan	Plaintiff(s) <i>(co-counsel with Szaferman Lakind)</i>
Drinker Biddle	Jack N. Frost, Jr.	American Optical Corp.
Goldberg Segalla	H. Lockwood Miller	Shulton; Procter & Gamble; Wyeth Holdings
Hoagland Longo	Andrew Kessler	Whittaker Clark & Daniels

IT IS on this 2nd day of **December, 2015**, *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

January 29, 2016 Plaintiff shall serve answers to standard interrogatories, provide the information required by paragraph VII.B.1.a. of the General Order, and shall advise defendants whether the plaintiff is available for deposition and, if not, the reasons therefore by this date.

January 29, 2016 Plaintiff shall serve answers to wrongful death interrogatories by this date.

February 12, 2016 Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.

February 29, 2016 Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

April 15, 2016 Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

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April 15, 2016 Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

August 31, 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.

August 31, 2016 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

EARLY SETTLEMENT

February 28, 2017 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

January 6, 2017 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

January 20, 2017 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

February 17, 2017 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

MEDICAL DEFENSE

January 29, 2016 Plaintiff shall serve executed medical authorizations (along with answers to interrogatories) by this date.

January 29, 2016 Plaintiff shall serve a diagnostic medical report and any medical records in plaintiff's possession by this date.

September 16, 2016 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

January 18, 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

September 30, 2016 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.

November 18, 2016 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

September 30, 2016 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.

November 18, 2016 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

December 30, 2016 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

March 15, 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.

March 27, 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