

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

Docket No: **L-3140-16 (AS)**

Civil Action

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I

PETER & JANET GARDNER, <i>Plaintiff(s),</i>
vs.
AW CHESTERTON CO., et al <i>Defendant(s).</i>

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on November 9, 2016:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Keefe Bartels	Jennifer Ruhl	Plaintiff(s)
Connell Foley	Scott Press	August Arace
Hack Piro	Robert Alencewicz	Johansen
Hardin Kundla	Cynthia Lee	Aaron & Co.; Calon Insulation
Hoagland Longo	Jillian Madison	Industrial Welding Supply
Margolis Edelstein	Jeanine D. Clark	Woolsulate
Marks O'Neill	Sebastian Goldstein	Nicholas Schwalje
Marshall Dennehey	Jeremy Zacharias	Insulation Materials Corp.
O'Toole Fernandez	Gary Van Lieu	E & B Mill Supply
Pepper Hamilton	Nicholas Kouletsis	Bristol Myers Squibb
Tierney Law Office	Michael Murphy	Elizabeth Industrial

IT IS on this 10th day of November, 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

- November 23, 2016 Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.
- December 2, 2016 Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
- January 9, 2017 Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
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- January 9, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
- February 17, 2017 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 17, 2017 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

EARLY SETTLEMENT

- February 24, 2017 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

- February 17, 2017 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.
- March 3, 2017 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.
- March 31, 2017 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

MEDICAL DEFENSE

- November 30, 2016 Defendants shall forward medical authorizations to plaintiff's counsel by this date.
- December 9, 2016 Plaintiff shall serve executed medical authorizations by this date.
- March 17, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.
- March 17, 2017 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.
- April 28, 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

- March 17, 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 28, 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

- March 17, 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 28, 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 19, 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 3, 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 5, 2017 Pretrial Information Exchange Form due.

June 12, 2017 **Trial-Ready** 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