

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

**Docket No:** L-2954-18 (AS)

**Civil Action**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER III**

GRANT & MARTHA MORGAN, <i>Plaintiff(s),</i> vs. AT&T CORPORATION, et al <i>Defendant(s).</i>
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This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *February 24, 2020*:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Cohen Placitella & Roth	Dennis Geier	Plaintiff(s)
Porzio Bromberg	Ahmed Kassim	AT&T Corp.

IT IS on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of **February 2020**, *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*.

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**

April 13, 2020            Defendants shall identify the cross-claims they intend to prove and the proofs as to each cross-claim per Rowe by this date.

April 27, 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.

April 27, 2020            Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

**EARLY SETTLEMENT**

March 27, 2020            Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT**

- May 29, 2020 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.
- May 29, 2020 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.
- August 28, 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**

- May 29, 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.
- August 28, 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**

- June 26, 2020 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.
- July 24, 2020 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

- May 29, 2020 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.
- August 28, 2020 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**

- September 25, 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**

- June 17, 2020 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.

August 12, 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.

October 19, 2020

Trial Date. (*The August 10, 2020 trial is adjourned to this 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