

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

DERON ROBERTS,	<i>Plaintiff(s),</i>
vs.	
ABB INC., et al	<i>Defendant(s).</i>

Docket No: **L-6782-16 (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 January 5, 2017:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Simon Greenstone	Leah Kagan Jordan Blumenfeld-James	Plaintiff(s) <i>(co-counsel with Szaferman Lakind)</i>
Breuninger & Fellman	Raymond Chow	Genuine Parts Co.
Caruso Smith	Marcia DePolo	Union Carbide
Gibbons PC	Mark R. Galdieri	Honeywell International Inc.
Goldberg Segalla	H. Lockwood Miller	Shulton Inc.
Hoagland Longo	Daniel Kuszmerski	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
McElroy Deutsch	Donna Gardiner	Pfizer; Fisher Controls; Invensys Systems Inc.
O'Brien Firm	Tracey Cabbage	ABB, Inc.
Rawle & Henderson	Jamie L. Augustinsky	Cyprus
Speziali Greenwald	Joanne Hawkins	General Electric ; CBS

IT IS on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of **January, 2017**, *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**

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| February 3, 2017  | Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.                           |
| February 17, 2017 | Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.          |
| March 17, 2017    | Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date. |
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- March 17, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
- April 28, 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.
- April 28, 2017 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

#### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

- June 23, 2017 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

#### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

- June 23, 2017 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.
- July 7, 2017 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.
- August 4, 2017 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

#### **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

- June 16, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.
- June 16, 2017 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.
- August 31, 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**

- June 16, 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.
- August 31, 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**

- June 16, 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.
- August 31, 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**

- September 29, 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**

September 22, 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.

October 23, 2017 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

October 30, 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

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