

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

Docket No: L-2911-17 (AS)

Civil Action

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER V

MICHELLE & RICHARD CHAPMAN, <i>Plaintiff(s),</i>
vs.
BASF CATALYSTS LLC, 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 February 14, 2019:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Lanier Law Firm	Darron Berquist	Plaintiff(s)
Gibbons PC	Ethan Stein	Honeywell International
LeClair Ryan	Gary M. Sapir	Ford Motor Co.
McCarter & English	Amanda Munsie	Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc.

IT IS on this 14th day of **February, 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.

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

June 28, 2019 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.

June 28, 2019 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

EARLY SETTLEMENT

August 2, 2019 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT

July 31, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

October 11, 2019 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

July 31, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve liability expert reports by this date.

October 11, 2019 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

August 2, 2019 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

August 16, 2019 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

September 13, 2019 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS

October 11, 2019 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

November 1, 2019 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 8, 2019 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.

October 30, 2019 @ 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.

November 22, 2019 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

December 2, 2019 Trial-Ready Date. (*The June 24, 2019 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