

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

Docket No: L-3376-17 (AS)

Civil Action

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER VII

MARY FLETCHER (Estate of Gail Welch), vs. BRENNTAG NORTH AMERICA, INC., et al	<i>Plaintiff(s),</i> <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 5, 2020:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Simon Greenstone	Joseph J. Mandia	Plaintiff(s) <i>co-counsel with Szaferman Lakind</i>
Foley & Mansfield	Madelyn Iulo	Avon Products Inc.
Manning Gross Massenberg	Austin O'Malley	Chanel, Inc.
McCarter & English	Theresa Dill	Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Consumer
McGivney Kluger	John A. Bitetto, III	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
Rawle Henderson	Sebastian Goldstein	Cyprus Amax Minerals
Reilly McDevitt	Ryan Notarangelo	Charles B. Chrystal

IT IS on this 7th 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 9, 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 9, 2020 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

EARLY SETTLEMENT

July 6, 2020 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT

- June 5, 2020 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.
- September 1, 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

- July 6, 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.
- September 1, 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

- September 18, 2020 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.
- October 2, 2020 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.
- October 30, 2020 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

EXPERT DEPOSITIONS

- November 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

- May 6, 2020 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.
- To be scheduled Settlement conference.
- December 21, 2020 Trial Date. (*The June 29, 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