

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

**Docket No:** L-1269-18 (AS)

**Civil Action**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I**

JULIA & JERRY HICKEY,  <i>Plaintiff(s),</i>  vs.  BRENNTAG NORTH AMERICA, 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 June 15, 2018:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Weitz & Luxenberg	Robert Silverman	Plaintiff(s)
Drinker Biddle	Justin Ginter	Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Consumer
Hoagland Longo	Andrew Kessler	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
Jones Law Office	Richard V. Jones	Metropolitan Life
Leader & Berkon	Christine Bucca	IMO Industries
Rawle & Henderson	Sebastian Goldstein	Cyprus Amax Minerals; Imerys Talc America
Tanenbaum Keale	Arshia Hourizadeh	CBS Corp.; Foster Wheeler

IT IS on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, *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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| July 13, 2018   | Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.                           |
| July 27, 2018   | Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.          |
| August 31, 2018 | Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date. |
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December 31, 2018 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.

December 31, 2018 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

March 1, 2019 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

March 1, 2019 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

March 15, 2019 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

April 12, 2019 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

February 28, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

May 10, 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**

February 28, 2019 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.

May 10, 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.

### **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

February 28, 2019 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.

May 10, 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**

June 7, 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 23, 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.

July 15, 2019

Trial 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