

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

**Docket No:** L-4053-18 (AS)

**Civil Action**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I**

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| EDWARD & BEATRICE HOLMES,<br><i>Plaintiff(s),</i>       |
| vs.   |
| AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., et al<br><i>Defendant(s).</i> |

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on October 18, 2018:

| FIRM              | ATTORNEY         | CLIENT                       |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Weitz & Luxenberg | Robert Silverman | Plaintiff(s)                 |
| Caruso Smith      | Marcia DePolo    | CertainTeed; Union Carbide   |
| Gibbons PC        | Daniel Dorman    | Honeywell International      |
| Greenbaum Rowe    | Brian Kornbrek   | American Honda Motor Co.     |
| Landman Corsi     | Gregory Damico   | Fel-Pro                      |
| Lavin O'Neil      | Sarina Kaplan    | Toyota Motor Sales, USA Inc. |
| LeClair Ryan      | Gary M. Sapir    | Ford Motor Co.               |
| Tanenbaum Keale   | Afigo Fadahunsi  | BorgWarner Morse Tec         |

IT IS on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of **October, 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**

- November 16, 2018 Defendants shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
- December 31, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

March 29, 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.

March 29, 2019 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

June 14, 2019 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

June 14, 2019 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

June 28, 2019 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

July 26, 2019 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

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

May 31, 2019 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.

August 30, 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**

May 31, 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.

August 30, 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.

### **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

September 30, 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**

September 26, 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.

October 21, 2019 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

October 28, 2019 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: counsel:

Jones Law Office for Metropolitan Life

Lynch Daskal for Nissan North America

McCarter & English for Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Consumer

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort