

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

**Docket No:** L-344-18 (AS)

**Civil Action**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I**

JOHN & DENA KOKER,	<i>Plaintiff(s),</i>
vs.	
FORD MOTOR CO., 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 March 9, 2018:

<b>FIRM</b>	<b>ATTORNEY</b>	<b>CLIENT</b>
Weitz & Luxenberg	Michelle Murtha	Plaintiff(s)
Delany McBride	Ariana Seidel	Peerless, Ind.
LeClair Ryan	Gary M. Sapir	Ford Motor Co.
McGivney Kluger	Thomas McNulty	Weil McLain

IT IS on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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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| April 9, 2018  | Plaintiff shall serve answers to standard interrogatories.  |
| April 16, 2018 | Defendants shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.  |
| May 16, 2018   | Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.   |
| June 15, 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. |

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

June 8, 2018 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

June 8, 2018 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

June 22, 2018 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

July 20, 2018 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

April 9, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve a diagnostic medical report and any medical records in plaintiff's possession by this date.

April 16, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

August 20, 2018 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**

April 16, 2018 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 20, 2018 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 17, 2018 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 11, 2018 @ 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 9, 2018 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

October 15, 2018

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