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### **DISCOVERY**

- September 29, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve answers to wrongful death interrogatories by this date.
- September 29, 2017 Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
- September 29, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
- December 29, 2017 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 29, 2017 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

- January 19, 2018 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

- January 19, 2018 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.
- February 2, 2018 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.
- March 2, 2018 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

- January 31, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.
- January 31, 2018 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.
- May 31, 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.
- May 31, 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**

June 29, 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**

June 28, 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.

July 30, 2018                                      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