

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

**Docket No: L-5111-14 (AS)**

**Civil Action**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER IX**

SUDHABEN PATEL, (ESTATE of MANUBHAI PATEL), <i>Plaintiff(s),</i>
vs.
ATLAS ACQUISITION, INC., 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 July 10, 2017:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Levy Konigsberg	Joseph Mandia	Plaintiff(s)
Breuninger Fellman	Raymond Chow	NAPA
Gibbons	Ethan Stein	Honeywell International

IT IS on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of **July, 2017** 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.

**DISCOVERY**

October 16, 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.

November 17, 2017 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

**EARLY SETTLEMENT**

July 31, 2017 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

**SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

January 5, 2018 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

February 2, 2018 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

**MEDICAL DEFENSE**

December 15, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports, including wrongful death report, by this date.

February 28, 2018 Defendants shall identify its medical experts and serve medical expert 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**

December 15, 2017 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.

February 28, 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.

### **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

December 15, 2017 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.

February 28, 2018 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**

March 23, 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**

November 9, 2017 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.

March 7, 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.

April 23, 2018 Trial Date. (*The December 4, 2017 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