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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION: BERGEN COUNTY

CASE NO. 296
MASTER DOCKET NO.:BER-L-936-13

IN RE Stryker Rejuvenate & ABG II

Modular Hip Implant LITIGATION

CIVIL ACTION
CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER #9

All prior orders remain in full force and effect except as modified by this Order

This Matter having been assigned to the Honorable Brian R. Martinotti, J.S.C., pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order of January 24, 2013, designating this matter for Multicounty Litigation Status ("MCL") of Stryker Rejuvenate & ABG II Modular Hip Implant Litigation (hereinafter referred to as "Stryker") [a Multidistrict Litigation ("MDL") pending before the Honorable Donovan W. Frank, USDJ], and the Court having reviewed the proposed agenda, conducting a CMC on September 24, 2013, counsel appearing, for good cause shown and for the reasons set forth on the record,

IT IS on this 24th day of September 2013,

ORDERED:

I. COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR ORDERS:

1. COMPLIANCE:

A. Counsel have met and are continuing to meet on the following:

[Counsel's request to extend this time set forth in CMO #8 is GRANTED.]

i. Defendants' Fact Sheet: Defendant has received plaintiff's redline version of the proposed Fact Sheet. Counsel will meet and confer thereafter and submit a Final Fact Sheet to the Court by October 8, 2013. If counsel cannot agree on a final form, counsel shall e-mail the Court with their proposed Fact Sheets and the Court will choose one.

ii. Scope, parameters and timing for service of written discovery: Parties may serve discovery requests compliant with court rules and shall continue to meet and confer.

iii. Protective Order: Parties shall continue to meet and confer regarding a Final Protective Order.

iv. Mediation: See CMO #8 paragraphs (III)(2) & (3).

1. **PHASE I**: The Defendants shall select their two (2) cases by October 15, 2013.
2. Formal mediation to take place no later than December 15, 2013.
3. **PHASE II**: The pool of Phase II Mediation cases will consist of all cases filed and served after April 2, 2013 but prior to July 26, 2013, in which a Plaintiff has opted to be included in the mediation process and has complied with the Plaintiff's Preliminary Disclosure Fact Sheet deadlines.

v. Parties shall continue to meet and confer regarding the production of exemplars.

II. DISCOVERY

1. WRITTEN DISCOVERY :

A. Counsel shall meet and confer regarding supplemental insurance documents by October 15, 2013.

2. Parties shall continue to meet and confer regarding corporate organization information exchange and potential additional deposition(s) by October 8, 2013.

3. Parties shall continue to meet and confer regarding ESI information exchange and potential additional deposition(s) by October 8, 2013.

4. Counsel shall advise the court by September 27, 2013 of the status of ESI Protocol.

5. ROLLING PRODUCTIONS:

A. The parties have met and conferred and continue to meet and confer regarding discovery, generally, and specifically, and on Defendant's rolling production of documents. The parties have agreed as follows:

i. Defendants will produce Phase I documents by October 11, 2013.

ii. Defendants will produce Phase II documents by October 25, 2013.

iii. Defendants will produce Phase III documents by November 25, 2013.

These production dates are based upon the Court's entry of ESI protocol on September 27, 2013. If the ESI protocol is not entered by that date, the Court will adjust the production dates, upon request from counsel.

6. Records Authorizations:

A. All authorizations shall be in the form provided by Defendant. See CMO #8 paragraph (II)(4).

B. All authorizations for Phase I mediation cases to be returned to Defendant's Counsel by October 4, 2013.

C. All outstanding authorizations for all other cases with completed Fact Sheets shall be returned to Defendant's counsel by October 15, 2013.

D. Authorizations for all other cases to be completed and returned to Defendant's counsel with completed Fact Sheet as per prior orders.

III. CASE MANAGEMENT:

1. All new complaints shall be served within thirty (30) days of receipt of a filed copy from the Court.

2. All other Plaintiffs shall serve completed Fact Sheets on Defendant and Liaison Counsel within sixty (60) days of service of the complaint.

3. Parties are required to comply with CMO #3 regarding the service of preliminary disclosure forms. (See CMO #3, paragraph (I)(2)(A)(i).)

4. File & Serve Service: pending proposal and continued discussion

5. Service on Defendants: The Court entered an order on August 13, 2013.

IV. GENERAL:

1. The next Case Management Conference is scheduled for October 23, 2013, at 10:30am. Liaison counsel shall meet at 9:30am. **Counsel shall submit a proposed agenda seven (7) days prior to this Case Management Conference.**

2. *Pro hac vice* motions shall not be filed until complaint is filed and served on Defendants.

3. The official record shall be the transcript provided by the court reporter retained by counsel. The reporter shall preserve all proceedings and shall email a transcript of any court proceeding to the court within 14 days of the proceeding.

4. Subject to agreement by and between counsel and with permission from the Court, counsel is permitted to appear telephonically; in order to have your appearance on the record, it is counsel's responsibility to Email liaison counsel and the court reporter at least one hour before the proceeding with your name, firm, and party representing, indicating that you intend to appear by phone; in addition you must confirm you appearance, immediately following the proceeding. Absent the above, counsel's appearance will not be noted.

5. By consent of all parties, the court may contact or be contacted on an *ex parte* basis regarding settlement issues only.

6. The court may, from time to time, conduct phone conferences with defense counsel and liaison counsel.

7. The Court directs all counsel to R.1:4-8 and expects all counsel to abide by the parameters set forth therein.

8. All Court proceedings will start at the designated scheduled time. Counsel is expected to arrive promptly for these proceedings.

9. Counsel shall provide the Court with their preferred e-mail address by e-mailing same to Kelly Gibson at Kelly.Gibson@judiciary.state.nj.us and Stephanie Gino at Stephanie.Gino@judiciary.state.nj.us.

10. Counsel shall copy their co-counsel and all adversaries on all e-mails and other electronic correspondence submitted to the Court [COUNSEL IS PROHIBITED FROM FILING ANY PLEADING ELECTRONICALLY]. Any such submission received after 4:30 p.m. will be deemed received at 9:00 a.m. on the next day Court is in session. Any such submission received after 4:30 p.m. on a Friday or over a weekend, will be deemed received on 9:00 a.m. on the next day Court is in session.

11. Counsel is directed to contact The Superior Court of New Jersey, Attorneys Accounts: P.O. Box 980, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, (609) 633-8643 to establish a collateral account for any filing fees within seven (7) days.

12. Counsel is required to check the Judiciary's Web Site dedicated to this matter for any decisions/Orders/information contained therein.

13. A copy of this Order and any subsequent Orders to the Court will be posted on the Judiciary Web Site.

BRIAN R. MARTINOTTI, J.S.C.