SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

## **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

DOUGLAS & ROSLYN BARDEN,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

BRENNTAG NA INC., et al

Defendant(s).

**Docket No:** L-1809-17 (AS)

Civil Action

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER II** 

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *October 6, 2017*:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Levy Konigsberg	Daniel LaTerra	Plaintiff(s)
Drinker Biddle	Christine Lozier	Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Consumers
Hoagland Longo	Daniel Kuszmerski	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
Rawle & Henderson	Paul Smyth	Cyprus Amax Minerals; Imerys Talc America

IT IS on this 12th day of October, 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.

#### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

December 8, 2017 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

# **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

October 20, 2017 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

November 3, 2017 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

December 1, 2017 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

## **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

October 13, 2017 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

December 22, 2017 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

October 13, 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.

December 22, 2017 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**

October 31, 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.

December 8, 2017 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**

January 19, 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

December 7, 2017 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.

January 12, 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.

February 2, 2018 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

February 12, 2018 Trial-Ready Date. (The January 29, 2018 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

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