SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

**Docket No:** L-6805-16 (AS)

ANITA & ALFRED GRABOWSKI,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

BRENNTAG NORTH AMERICA, et al

Defendant(s).

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 10*, 2017:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Cohen Placitella & Roth	Dennis Geier	Plaintiff(s)
Gori Julian	Samuel Elswick	Plaintiff(s) co-counsel
Caruso Smith	Lisa Massimi	Union Carbide
Drinker Biddle	Justin Ginter	Johnson & Johnson & Johnson Consumers
Hoagland Longo	Daniel Kuszmerski	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
O'Toole Scrivo	Leslie Lombardy	Colgate
Rawle & Henderson	Christina Gonzales	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.

# **DISCOVERY**

October 31, 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.

October 31, 2017 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

# **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

November 3, 2017 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

# SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

November 3, 2017 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

November 17, 2017 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

December 15, 2017 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

# MEDICAL DEFENSE

December 29, 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

November 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 29, 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**

December 1, 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.

January 12, 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**

January 31, 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 14, 2017 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.

January 30, 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 16, 2018 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

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February 26, 2018

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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