SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

#### **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

**Docket No:** L-4053-18 (AS)

EDWARD & BEATRICE HOLMES,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., 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 <u>May 28, 2019</u>:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Weitz & Luxenberg	Robert Silverman	Plaintiff(s)
Breuninger & Fellman	Raymond Chow	Genuine Parts Co.
Caruso Smith	Alexandra Caruso	CertainTeed; Union Carbide
Greenbaum Rowe	Thomas K. Murphy III	American Honda Motor Co.
Hawkins Parnell	Roy Viola	Pneumo Abex
Landman Corsi	Oliver Encarnacion	Fel-Pro
LeClair Ryan	Gary M. Sapir	Ford Motor Co.
Lynch Daskal	Diane Pompei	Nissan North America
O'Toole Scrivo	Leslie Lombardy	D.Co., LLC
Tanenbaum Keale	Arshia Hourizadeh	BorgWarner Morse Tec

IT IS on this 29th day of May 2019, 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.

Any jurisdictional motions must be filed in accordance with the Court Rules or be waived.

Any *forum non conveniens* motions must be filed as soon as practicable; once sufficient discovery is conducted so that the motion may be properly brought.

## **DISCOVERY**

September 30, 2019

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.

September 30, 2019 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

#### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

February 21, 2020 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT

November 29, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

November 29, 2019 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens

and x-rays, if any, by this date.

April 10, 2020 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 29, 2019 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports by this date or

waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

April 10, 2020 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.

### SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

December 13, 2019 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

January 17, 2020 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

February 14, 2020 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

#### **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

May 8, 2020 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

September 26, 2019 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.

May 7, 2020 @ 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.

June 8, 2020

Trial Date. (The October 28, 2019 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. Viscomí
ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort