# SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

#### **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

Docket No: L-3009-16 (AS)

BETTY & STANLEY HOLTSCHNEIDER,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

BRNNTAG NORTH AMERICA, INC., et al

Defendant(s).

**Civil Action** 

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *July 12, 2016*:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Simon Greenstone Panatier	Leah Kagan	Plaintiff(s) co-counsel with Szaferman Lakind
Hoagland Longo	Jillian Madison	Cyprus; Whittaker Clark & Daniels
McElroy Deutsch	John McGuire	Pfizer
O'Toole Fernandez	Steven Weiner	Colgate Palmolive

IT IS on this 13th day of July, 2016, 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.

Defense counsel shall notify plaintiff's counsel within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order if their client was incorrectly named in the Complaint. Counsel may be barred from raising this defense at a later time for failure to comply.

#### DISCOVERY

date.

September 6, 2016	Plaintiff shall serve answers to Form II Interrogatories by this date.
July 29, 2016	Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.
August 5, 2016	Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
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October 14, 2016 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 14, 2016 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

October 21, 2016 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

## **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

October 21, 2016 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

November 4, 2016 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

December 2, 2016 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

#### **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

July 29, 2016 Plaintiff shall serve executed medical authorizations by this date.

October 31, 2016 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

October 31, 2016 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens

and x-rays, if any, by this date

January 13, 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 30, 2016 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.

January 13, 2017 Defendants shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports, if any, by this

date or vaive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

### ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS

November 30, 2016 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 13, 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 31, 2017 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

January 27, 2017 @ 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.

10 business days prior to trial Pretrial Information Exchange Form due.

February 21, 2017 (*Tuesday*) **Trial-Ready** 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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