SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

**ASBESTOS LITIGATION** 

Docket No: L-6332-14 (AS)

WALTER & KATHLEEN WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

AMERICAN OPTICAL CORP., 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 *July 31*, 2015:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Belluck & Fox	William Papain	Plaintiff(s)
Budd Larner	Philip Adelman	Somerville Lumber Co.
Caruso Smith	Marcia DePolo	CertainTeed; Union Carbide
Day Pitney	Mark Di Gesu	International Paper
Drinker Biddle	Julie Tersigni	American Optical
Goldfein & Joseph	Madhurika Jeremiah	ACL; Bell
Jones Law Firm	Richard V. Jones	Metropolitan Life
Marshall Dennehey	Paul Johnson	Kaiser Gypsum
Mayfield Turner	Joshua Locke	Carrier Corp.
McElroy Deutsch	Joseph D. Rasnek	Occidental Chemical Corp.
McGivney Kluger	Nancy Giacumbo	Rogers Corp.; Hollingsworth & Vose
Porzio Bromberg	Pamela Kaplan	Cytec Engineered Materials
Sedgwick	Bridget Polloway	CBS Corp.; General Electric
Vasios Kelly	Thomas J. Kelly, Jr.	Bird, Inc.
Weiner Lesniak	Alan J. Baratl	Mitsui
Wilbraham Lawler	Anisha Abraham	Plastics Engineering Co.

IT IS on this 5th day of August, 2015 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 16, 2015

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 16, 2015 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

#### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

September 18, 2015 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

# SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

October 23, 2015 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this

date.

November 6, 2015 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

December 4, 2015 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

# **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

October 30, 2015 Plaintiff shall serve supplemental medical expert reports, including wrongful death,

by this date.

January 8, 2016 Defendants shall identify its medical experts and serve medical expert 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 30, 2015 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 8, 2016 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.

# **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

January 29, 2016 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

October 27, 2015 @ 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.

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Settlement conference. All defense counsel shall appear with authority January 20, 2016 @ 10:00am

> 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, 2016 (Tues.) Trial Date. (The August 17, 2015 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

**Brody Deposition Services** 

Priority One