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## SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: BERGEN COUNTY

CASE NO. 297 MASTER DOCKET NO.:BER-L-4098-13

CIVIL ACTION CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER 44-25

All prior orders remain in full force and effect except as modified by this Order

This Matter having been assigned to the Honorable Brian R. Martinotti, J.S.C., pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order of May 13, 2013, designating this matter for Multicounty Litigation Status ("MCL") of Mirena Litigation, (hereinafter referred to as "Mirena")<sup>1</sup> and the Court having entered an Initial Case Management Order ("CMO") on May 20, 2013; scheduling a Case Management Conference ("CMC") on May 13, 2014; conducting a CMC; counsel appearing; for good cause shown and for the reasons set forth on the record;

IT IS on this 13th day of May 2014,

ORDERED

#### PART I

## ORDERS ENTERED SINCE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

#### **On April 1, 2014**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Court is cognizant that MDL In re Mirena IUD Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2434, is pending before Judge Seibel in the Southern District of New York. This Court is a proponent of federal/state cooperation; all counsel are urged to use their best efforts to coordinate with their counterparts in the MDL matter to avoid duplication of efforts where practicable, specifically but not limited to infra Part I, Paragraph 2.

- Production of Domestic Witness Personnel Files CMO #23 (entered April 8, 2014)
- 2. Core Criteria of Plaintiff Fact Sheet CMO #24 (entered on April 11, 2014)
- 3. Discovery Dispute Order (entered on May 8, 2014)

## PART II

## **COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR ORDERS**

N/A

## PART III

# CASE MANAGEMENT

- Defendants shall continue to provide to Plaintiffs each month a list of Plaintiffs who have failed to timely serve Fact Sheets pursuant to CMO #3 and which the Defendants intend to file Motions to Dismiss on. Plaintiffs shall file a Fact Sheet or seek an extension at least two days prior to the Motion Filing Date. If not, Defendants have leave to file a Motion to Dismiss without prejudice, pursuant to CMO #3. Defendants shall file one omnibus motion (with a fee and order for every docket number it applies to). This motion will be returnable on the dates so indicated.
- 2. The parties will meet and confer regarding the IDP Order and will submit a proposed order within 7 days.

- Pre IDP discovery shall proceed as to the one selected case, Harris v. Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- 4. The application to extend the Scheduling Order is denied without prejudice. The parties will work diligently over the next ten weeks to produce discovery. [The parties will continue to meet and confer regarding Foreign Document Production and other discovery issues.] Prior to any determination on the Scheduling Order, the parties will have an opportunity to set out their positions in submissions to the Court.
- 5. The deadline in CMO #14 Section IV. L is extended until Monday June 16,
  2014. This deadline requires the complaint be postmarked by Monday June 16,
  2014. THIS DEADLINE WILL NOT BE EXTENDED. NONCOMPLAINCE WITH THIS ORDER WILL RESULT IN A DISMISSAL
  WITH PREJUDICE.

#### PART IV

#### **GENERAL:**

 The next Case Management Conference is scheduled for June 24, 2014, at 2:00pm. Liaison Counsel shall report at 1:00 pm. Counsel shall submit a proposed agenda seven (7) days prior to this Case Management Conference. Conferences are also scheduled for the following dates: August 5, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.; September 23, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.; October 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.; November 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.; December 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.; January 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. and February 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

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- By consent of all parties, the court may contact or be contacted on an *ex parte* basis regarding settlement issues <u>only</u>.
- 3. The court may, from time to time, conduct phone conferences with defense counsel and liaison counsel.
- 4. Subject to agreement by and between counsel and with permission from the Court, counsel is permitted to appear telephonically; in order to have your appearance on the record, it is counsel's responsibility to e-mail liaison counsel and the court reporter at least one hour before the proceeding with your name, firm, and party representing, indicating that you intend to appear by phone; in addition you must confirm you appearance, immediately following the proceeding. Absent the above, counsel's appearance will not be noted.
- 5. The official record shall be the transcript provided by the court reporter retained by counsel. The reporter shall preserve all proceedings and shall email a transcript of any court proceeding to the court within 14 days of the proceeding.
- Counsel is permitted to serve one motion with a schedule of attached cases for *pro* hac admission. However, a separate order per case/docket number and filing fees is required.
- 7. The Court directs all counsel to  $\underline{R}$ .1:48 and expects all counsel to abide by the parameters set forth therein.
- 8. All Court proceedings will start at the designated scheduled time. Counsel is expected to arrive promptly for these proceedings.

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- Counsel shall provide the Court with their preferred e-mail address by e-mailing same to Kelly Gibson at Kelly.Gibson@judiciary.state.nj.us and Stephanie Gino at Stephanie.Gino@judiciary.state.nj.us.
- 10. Counsel shall copy their co-counsel and all adversaries on all e-mails and other electronic correspondence submitted to the Court [COUNSEL IS PROHIBITED FROM FILING ANY PLEADING ELECTRONICALLY]. Any such submission received after 4:30 p.m. will be deemed received at 9:00 a.m. on the next day Court is in session. Any such submission received after 4:30 p.m. on a Friday or over a weekend, will be deemed received on 9:00 a.m. on the next day Court is in session.
- 11. Counsel is directed to contact The Superior Court of New Jersey, Attorneys Accounts: P.O. Box 980, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 (609) 633-8643 to establish a collateral account for any filing fees within seven (7) days.
- 12. Counsel is required to check the Judiciary's Web Site dedicated to this matter for any decisions/Orders/information contained therein.
- A copy of this Order and any subsequent Orders to the Court will be posted on the Judiciary Web Site.

BRIAN R. MARTINOTT, J.S.C.