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**BRIAN R. MARTINOTTI**J.S.C.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: BERGEN COUNTY

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

CIVIL ACTION
CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER # 43

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 December 16, 2014; having conducted a CMC; counsel appearing; for good cause shown and for the reasons set forth on the record;

IT IS on this 13th day of October, 2015, ORDERED,

### PART I

# ORDERS ENTERED SINCE LAST CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

 The Second Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order was entered by the Court.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Court is cognizant that MDL <u>In re Mirena IUD Products Liability Litigation</u>, 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 <u>infra</u> Part I, Paragraph 2.

# **PART II**

# **COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR ORDERS**

N/A

# PART III

### CASE MANAGEMENT

- 1. 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. To replace the Second Disposition Pool case Dacia Hunstman, which was recently dismissed, Defendant selects Plaintiff Amanda Landry (BER-L-1122-14), whose counsel is D'Arcy Johnson Day, P.C. and Hissey Kientz, LLP.
- Statute of Limitations Motions Oral argument will be held on December 1, 2015
   immediately after the Case Management Conference.
- 4. Scheduling Kemp Hearing Date; Dispositive Motion Hearing Date; IDP Trial Date:
  - a. Kemp Hearing Date To be coordinated with Judge Seibel in the MDL.

- b. Dispositive Motion Hearing Date Dates for the hearings on substantive motions will be scheduled at the January 13, 2016 CMC.
- c. IDP Trial Date The New Jersey trial shall begin thirty (30) days after an adjudication in the MDL trial. The New Jersey trial is presently scheduled for May 9, 2016.
- 5. The following amended scheduling order partially modifying certain deadlines set forth in Order No. 7B:
  - a. The deadlines for generic expert depositions are extended to October 20,2015 for defense experts Maureen Reitman and Dr. David Feigal only.
  - b. Plaintiffs' Kemp motion for defense expert Dr. Dena Hixon will be due
    October 26, 2015; Defendants' opposition will be due November 25,
    2015; Plaintiffs' reply will be due December 15, 2015.
  - c. Plaintiffs' <u>Kemp</u> motions for defense experts Maureen Reitman and Dr. David Feigal will be due November 3, 2015; Defendants' oppositions will be due December 2, 2015; Plaintiffs' replies will be due December 23, 2015.

# **PART IV**

### **GENERAL:**

6. The next Case Management Conference is scheduled for December 1, 2015, at 2:00 pm. Liaison Counsel shall report at 1:00 pm. Counsel shall submit a proposed agenda seven (7) days prior to this Case Management Conference. Continuing coordination with Judge Seibel, Conferences beginning in 2016 will be held on Wednesdays as follows: January 13, 2016; February 10, 2016; April 6,

- 2016; May 4, 2016 and June 8, 2016 at 11:00 am. Liaison Counsel shall report at 10:30 am. [Note time change]. MDL Case Management Conferences will be before Judge Seibel on the preceding Tuesdays.
- 7. By consent of all parties, the court may contact or be contacted on an *ex parte* basis regarding settlement issues <u>only.</u>
- 8. The court may, from time to time, conduct phone conferences with defense counsel and liaison counsel.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. The Court directs all counsel to  $\underline{R}$ .1:48 and expects all counsel to abide by the parameters set forth therein.

- 13. All Court proceedings will start at the designated scheduled time. Counsel is expected to arrive promptly for these proceedings.
- 14. 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.
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. Counsel is required to check the Judiciary's Web Site dedicated to this matter for any decisions/Orders/information contained therein.
- 18. A copy of this Order and any subsequent Orders to the Court will be posted on the Judiciary Web Site.

BRIAN R. MARTINOTTI, J.S.C.

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