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RACHELLE L. HARZ SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSENS.C.

IN RE: TASIGNA PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

LAW DIVISION: BERGEN COUNTY

CASE NO. 635

MASTER DOCKET NO.: BER-L

**CIVIL ACTION** 

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER #1** 

THIS MATTER having been assigned to the Honorable Rachelle L. Harz, J.S.C., pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order of April 6, 2021, designating this matter for Multicounty Litigation ("MCL") status, and the Court having received a proposed agenda from counsel for the parties, and having conducted an initial Case Management Conference on July 8, 2021 (via Webex), and for the reasons set forth on the record and good cause shown,

IT IS on this 20 day of July, 2021, ORDERED:

## 1. Master Complaint

Plaintiffs' Counsel shall file a master complaint by July 28, 2021.

## 2. **Dispositive Motions**

**Plaintiffs' Proposed Language**: The parties are to meet and confer regarding Defendant's stated intention to file a motion to dismiss in response to the Master Complaint, if appropriate and permitted by the Court, and be prepared to address this issue with the Court at the next Case Management Conference.

## 3. Discovery

The parties shall, as soon as practicable, submit by email a joint letter and chart listing each search term proposed by the parties. The joint submission shall identify the search terms for which the parties are in agreement and which are in dispute.

On August 4, 2021, the parties shall by email make separate submissions setting forth the proposed custodians, including each custodian's position or title and dates in that position.

Plaintiffs shall provide a brief explanation why each custodian is relevant to the claims and/or

defenses at issue. For each custodian to which Defendant objects, Defendant shall provide a brief

explanation of its objections.

4. Pleadings

Upon receipt of an electronically filed Complaint, wherein the data entered by Plaintiff's

Counsel does not accurately reflect the physical pleading, the Clerk is granted the authority to

update the data in the Judiciary's Automated Case Management System ("ACMS") to accurately

reflect what is listed on the physical pleading absent a subsequent court order. All parties have

consented to this provision.

5. Case Management Conferences

The Court will conduct the next Case Management Conference on August 11, 2021, at

10:30 AM eastern via Webex conference.

Counsel shall submit an agenda for the Case Management Conference seven (7) days prior

to the Case Management Conference, which shall be submitted by email to

antonious.sadek@njcourts.gov. The Court will conduct conferences, anticipated to be held every

45 to 60 days, and in addition the parties may request status, scheduling, and case management

conferences to discuss the progress regarding relevant issues. Reasonable notice of all such

conferences will be provided to all counsel of record.

Counsel shall keep the Court apprised of any relevant developments with respect to the

motion to transfer pending before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.

Dated: July 20, 2021

Judge Rachelle Lea Harz, J.S.C.

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