# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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IN RE: ALLERGAN BIOCELL TEXTURED : BREAST IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY : LITIGATION :

: Case No. 2:19-md-02921 (BRM)(JAD)

**MDL NO. 2921** 

JUDGE BRIAN R. MARTINOTTI JUDGE JOSEPH A. DICKSON

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### THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: ALL CASES

## **CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER #9**

These matters having been transferred to this Court by order of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation pursuant to its order of December 18, 2019, meriting special attention as complex litigation, the Court having entered its Initial Case Management Order (ECF No. 13) on January 7, 2020, setting forth the Court's parameters and expectations of counsel during the course of this litigation, the Court having held a video status conference on April 20, 2020, via Zoom, for good cause shown, the Court enters the following Order:

### I. ORDERS ENTERED SINCE LAST CMC

- A. Case Management Order No. 6 (Direct Filing) (ECF No. 83), filed March 23, 2020
- B. Case Management Order No. 7 (Service on Allergan, Inc., and Allergan USA Inc.)(ECF No. 84), filed March 23, 2020
- C. Case Management Order No. 8 (Centrality) (ECF No. 85), filed March 23, 2020

### II. CASE MANAGEMENT

- A. Discovery and preemption:
  - i. Master Complaints to be filed by May 4, 2020.
  - ii. Parties to meet and confer regarding Defendants' deadline to file their

preemption motion, which shall address discovery issues.

iii. The stay of all outstanding discovery proceedings and of all further discovery in these actions as set forth in the Initial Case Management Order (ECF No. 13), Section 2(C), entered on January 7, 2020, remains in effect.

B. Plaintiffs' emergency motion (ECF No. 5) is scheduled for oral argument on April29, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. to be held via Zoom before Judge Dickson.

C. Parties shall continue to meet and confer regarding the items listed below and shall submit to the Court proposed consent orders upon reaching agreements. If an agreement cannot be reached, the parties should be prepared to discuss the issue at the next case management conference.

i. Plaintiff's served discovery

ii. Protective order

iii. ESI order

iv. Revised order regarding service of process of Allergan

v. Science Day procedure

vi. Ex parte communications with treating physicians

vii. Defendants' Motion to Prohibit Anonymous Filings (ECF No. 70)

### III. SCHEDULING

The following dates have been scheduled for 2020 case management conferences at 12:00 p.m. Liaison counsel shall appear at 11:00 a.m., unless otherwise stated:

May 18, 2020 (10:00 a.m. via Zoom)

June 1, 2020

July 13, 2020

August 10, 2020

September 14, 2020

October 19, 2020

November 2, 2020

December 14, 2020

IV. COMMUNICATION WITH THE COURT AND FILINGS

No motions shall be filed without leave of Court.

Unless otherwise ordered by this Court, all substantive communications with the Court

shall be in writing, with copies to opposing counsel. Nevertheless, the Court recognizes that

cooperation by and among plaintiffs' counsel and by and among defendants' counsel is essential

for the orderly and expeditious resolution of this litigation. The communication of information

among and between plaintiffs' counsel and among and between defendants' counsel shall not be

deemed a waiver of the attorney-client privilege or the protection afforded attorney's work

product, and cooperative efforts contemplated above shall in no way be used against any plaintiff

by any defendant or against any defendant by any plaintiff. Nothing contained in this provision

shall be construed to limit the rights of any party or counsel to assert the attorney-client privilege

or attorney work product doctrine.

Counsel may contact ex parte, for the purpose of settlement discussions only, Judge

Martinotti via email at brian\_martinotti@njd.uscourts.gov or Judge Dickson via email at

Chambers\_of\_Magistrate\_Judge\_Joseph\_Dickson@njd.uscourts.gov.

Date: April 20, 2020

/s/Brian R. Martinotti

BRIAN R. MARTINOTTI

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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