

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE SUBOXONE	)	Case No. 1:24-md-3092
(BUPRENORPHINE/NALOXONE)	)	
FILM PRODUCTS LIABILITY	)	MDL No. 3092
LITIGATION	)	
	)	Judge J. Philip Calabrese
This Document Applies to All Cases	)	
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**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 14**  
**JOINDER OF COMPLAINTS**

Pursuant to the Court's authority to direct and control the coordinated discovery in this multi-district litigation under 28 U.S.C. § 1407, Rules 16, 26(b), and 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court's inherent authority, and by agreement of the parties, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

**I. Joinder of Complaints**

In an effort to minimize the expenses of all parties, and to promote judicial efficiency, the Court authorizes claims of more than one plaintiff, and up to 100 plaintiffs, to be filed in a single complaint with one filing fee for the Lead Plaintiff at the time of filing. The Joinder Plaintiffs' (plaintiffs named in the Joint Complaint other than the Lead Plaintiff) responsibility for a filing fee will be suspended until the dismissal or resolution of their respective claims, at which time the fee must be paid before the case can be dismissed and closed, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

## **II. Causes of Action in Joint Complaints**

Causes of action, including all claims, theories of liability, and theories of recovery, shall be limited to those asserted in the Exemplar Complaints considered by the Court for purposes of briefing Rule 12 issues (*Bennett v. Indivior Inc.*, No. 1:24-sf-65011, ECF No. 12, and *Powell v. Indivior Inc.*, No. 1:24-sf-65787, ECF No. 1). Plaintiffs may add additional allegations supporting those same theories as permitted by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and subsequent Orders of the Court.

## **III. Plaintiff-Specific Allegations**

Each Joint Complaint shall have a section titled “Plaintiff-Specific Allegations.” In that section, each Plaintiff will be listed alphabetically in separate and consecutively numbered paragraphs. Each paragraph shall include subsections containing case-specific allegations for each Plaintiff, including the Plaintiff’s county and State of citizenship and an Original Venue designated for each Plaintiff per Second Amended Case Management Order No. 3 (ECF No. 165).

## **IV. Service Per Case Management Order No. 3 (ECF No. 165)**

Serving a Joint Complaint per Second Amended Case Management Order No. 3 will constitute service on the named Defendants in the Joint Complaint if that Defendant is specifically included in Second Amended Case Management Order No. 3, and no other Defendant.

**V. Management of Joinder Plaintiffs in the Crosslink Database**

Joinder Plaintiffs listed in a Joint Complaint will be managed through the Crosslink database. Before filing a Joint Complaint under this Order, filing counsel shall contact [CrosslinkSupport@rubris.com](mailto:CrosslinkSupport@rubris.com) to obtain the formatted bulk upload template, which must be populated according to the prescribed template specifications and then subsequently uploaded to the corresponding task in the Crosslink platform within one week of the filing and service of a Joint Complaint. Failure to follow the prescribed template specifications, including any changes to the template format, will result in the document being rejected and returned to the submitting party for correction.

Upon uploading the completed template for a Joint Complaint, filing counsel shall be charged a fee of \$100 (per Joint Complaint). Upon receipt of a Joint Complaint and completed template, Rubris will enter each Plaintiff in a Joint Complaint in the Crosslink database and assign each Joinder Plaintiff a unique CrosslinkID. These Plaintiffs will be visible to the PLC and Defendants, and to filing counsel, in the Crosslink database. Filing counsel for Joinder Plaintiffs shall bear all costs, fees, or other expenses associated with this upload task. The cost-sharing provisions of Case Management Order No. 12 (ECF No. 158) will continue to apply to any other exchange of information on the platform.

**VI. Answers Stayed**

Defendants' obligation to file any answer to a Joint Complaint filed in this proceeding is stayed until further Order of the Court.

## **VII. Motion Practice**

Defendants' obligation to file any responsive pleading to a Joint Complaint filed under this Order is hereby stayed until further Order of the Court. The Court is specifically preserving Defendants' right to file any motion pursuant to Rule 12 except as otherwise provided for by applicable Orders. Defendants shall not move to dismiss a Joint Complaint absent consultation with the PLC or further Order of the Court. It is expressly agreed by the parties and ordered by the Court that Defendants preserve all defenses and arguments for full or partial dismissal of the claims of any and all Plaintiffs who file claims under this Order, and that nothing in this Order operates to waive any such defenses or arguments.

## **VIII. Order Remains in Force**

This Order shall remain in force and effect until modified, superseded, or terminated by consent of the Parties or by Order of the Court. The Court retains jurisdiction after termination of this action to enforce this Order and to make such amendments, modifications, deletions, and additions to this Order as the Court may deem appropriate.

## **IX. Modifying Order**

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to prohibit the Parties from agreeing to modify any provision of this Order or seeking relief from the Court. Nor shall anything in this Order or any Party's compliance with it be construed as a waiver of any Party's rights under applicable law.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: March 14, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Calabrese", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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J. Philip Calabrese  
United States District Judge  
Northern District of Ohio