UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE: Covidien Hernia Mesh Products Liability Litigation No.II

MDL 22-md-03029-PBS (LEAD)
CA-22-11590-PBS

Regina A. Stephen

v.

Covidien Hernia Mesh

ORDER FOR PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

Jury Trial 1/11/2027

The above-entitled action will be called for a **Pretrial Conference on December 10, 2026 at 2:30 pm (in person)** at the John Joseph Moakley Courthouse Boston, MA Courtroom No.19-7th floor.

ATTENDANCE:

Unless excused by the Court, each party shall be represented at the pretrial conference by counsel who will conduct the trial. Counsel shall confer with their clients and with each other no later than (14) fourteen days before the pretrial conference to explore the possibilities of settlement and shall be prepared to advise the Court as to the prospects of settlement.

PRETRIAL MEMORANDUM - DATE DUE: 12/1/2026

By (90 days before FPTC), the parties shall make all expert disclosures as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2).

By (30 days before FPTC), the parties shall make pretrial disclosures as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3).

Objections to the pretrial disclosures shall be served and filed by (14 days after previous).

By **(14 days before FPTC)**, the parties shall file/serve proposed jury instructions, any preliminary jury instructions, proposed voir dire questions, **motions in limine**, witness/exhibit lists, and any designations of deposition testimony. There shall be a limit of five motions in limine per side.

By (7 days before FPTC), the parties shall file a joint pretrial memorandum in accordance with L.R. 16.5(d). Counsel are required to confer fourteen days before the final pretrial conference for the purpose of preparing the joint pretrial memorandum.

By **(7 days before FPTC)**, the parties shall file/serve **opposition to motions in limine**, any objections to witnesses or exhibits, and counter-designations of deposition testimony.

Trial briefs shall be filed/served by (1 week before trial).

NOTE: IF THE COURT RESCHEDULES THE TRIAL, ALL SUBMISSION DATES IN THIS ORDER REMAIN IN EFFECT UNLESS COUNSEL FILE A MOTION SEEKING LEAVE OF COURT TO MODIFY THEM TO SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED DATES.

PRETRIAL MEMORANDUM - CONTENTS

The pretrial memorandum shall set forth:

1. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of trial counsel;
2. Whether the case is to be tried with or without a jury;
3. A concise summary of the positions asserted by the plaintiff, defendant, and other parties, with respect to both liability and damages (including special damages, if any);

4. The facts established by pleadings or by stipulations or by admissions of counsel. In particular, counsel shall stipulate all facts not in genuine dispute;

5. Contested issues of fact;

6. Any jurisdictional questions;

7. Issues of law, including evidentiary questions, together with supporting authority;

8. Any requested amendments to the pleadings;

9. Any additional matters to aid in the disposition of the action;

10. The probable length of trial, including the expected length of each witness's direct examination;

11. The names of witnesses who shall testify at the trial, and the purpose of the testimony of each witness, i.e., whether factual, medical, expert, etc. Unless the qualifications of any medical or other expert witness are admitted, a brief statement of the qualifications of such witness shall be included; and

12. A **LIST of proposed exhibits**, indicating which exhibits may be admitted without objection and a brief statement of the ground for any objection to the others. Each exhibit shall be numbered if the exhibit is agreed upon. Exhibits which are contested shall be lettered. Counsel shall have pre-marked all exhibits before the start of the trial.

In the event that the case has been settled before the pretrial conference, counsel shall email and/or call the Deputy Clerk and promptly submit closing papers. Compliance with this Order is not excused, absent the filing of closing papers or the entry of a Settlement Order of Dismissal.

Failure to comply with any of the directions set forth above may result in judgment of dismissal or default, or the imposition of other sanctions deemed appropriate by the Court.

Dated: 8/25/2026

BY ORDER OF THE COURT,
Patti B. Saris, USDJ

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DEPUTY CLERK