

United States District Court
CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No's: **3:26-cv-3733 Christina Yeager v. Pfizer et al**
3:26-cv-3826 Vivian Davis v. Pfizer et al
3:26-cv-3896 Katherine Allison Ponder v. Pfizer et al

Date: **September 18, 2026**

DOCKET ENTRY: General Causation/*Daubert* Hearing

Attendance of counsel and experts in person and Zoom. Magistrate Judge Hope T. Cannon, Special Master Judge David Herndon, and Judge Kathleen M. Vavala present via Zoom. Testimony and argument heard, order to follow.

PRESENT:

Honorable <u>M. Casey Rodgers</u> United States District Judge	<u>Annette Williams</u> Law Clerk	<u>Barbara Rogers</u> Deputy Clerk	<u>Melissa Eicken</u> Court Reporter
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APPEARANCES:

On behalf of Plaintiffs

Shannon Pennock and Stephen Edwards, Morgan & Morgan (3:26-cv-3733 Christina Yeager v. Pfizer et al);
Nicholas "Nick" Mucerino, MCH Law PLLC (3:26-cv-3826 Vivian Davis v. Pfizer et al);
Dr. Michael Hochman, The Claimbridge PLLC (3:26-cv-3896 Katherine Allison Ponder v. Pfizer et al)

On behalf of Defendants

Joe Petrosinelli, Jessica Rydstrom, and Annie Showalter, Williams & Connolly LLP for Defendants Pfizer Inc.,
Pharmacia & Upjohn Co. LLC, and Pharmacia LLC, and Matthew Holian, DLA Piper

PROCEEDINGS:

9:13 am Court in Session – Introduction of Counsel
9:16 Defendants' expert witness **Dr. Emily Levitan** sworn – Direct (Jessica Rydstrom); 9:56 Cross (Shannon Pennock); 10:28 Redirect; 10:36 Court inquiry
11:13 Court in Recess
11:38 Court in Session
11:39 Plaintiffs' expert witness **Dr. Nicholas Butowski** via Zoom, sworn – Direct (Shannon Pennock); 12:21 Cross (Jessica Rydstrom); 12:44 Redirect; 12:50 Court inquiry
1:03 pm Court in Recess
1:32 Court in Session
1:33 Parties argue Rule 702 motions; Defendants' motion, ECF No. 630, Plaintiffs' motions, ECF No's. 619, 621, 624, 626, and 628
Defendants' argument (Joe Petrosinelli)
1:58 Plaintiffs' response – (Stephen Edwards)
2:16 Plaintiffs' response – (Nicholas "Nick" Mucerino)
2:34 Plaintiffs' response – (Dr. Michael Hochman)
2:37 No rebuttal from Defendants' (Joe Petrosinelli)
2:37 Plaintiffs' argument – (Nicholas "Nick" Mucerino)
2:42 Plaintiffs' argument – (Dr. Michael Hochman)

2:58 Defendants' response (Jessica Rydstrom)
3:13 Plaintiffs' rebuttal (Dr. Michael Hochman)
3:20 pm Court in Recess