

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In Re: TAXOTERE (DOCETAXEL)
PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION

MDL NO. 2740

SECTION "N" (5)

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO
ALL CASES

PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 2

Pursuant to Pretrial Order No. 1 (Rec. Doc. 4), issued by this Court on October 13, 2016, the Court has received many applications for Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel, Defendants' Liaison Counsel, and the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee (PSC). With regards to the PSC, the Court notes that there is not a predetermined or requisite number of committee positions. Furthermore, the number of committee members as well as the individuals comprising the committee, are subject to change by order of this Court. Having reviewed the parties' applications and recommendations, the Court makes the following initial appointments:

1. Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel:

The Court, having reviewed the applications and recommendations for this position and carefully considered the matter, finds that Dawn Barrios and Palmer Lambert are well qualified to carry out the various responsibilities of liaison counsel. Accordingly, the Court hereby appoints:

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Liaison counsel shall have the responsibilities and authority set forth in Pretrial Order No. 1 (Rec. Doc. 4) at page 8.

2. Defendants' Liaison Counsel:

The Court, having reviewed the applications for this position and carefully considered the matter, finds that Douglas J. Moore is well qualified to carry out the various responsibilities of liaison counsel. Accordingly, the Court hereby appoints:

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Liaison counsel shall have the responsibilities and authority set forth in Pretrial Order No. 1 (Rec. Doc. 4) at page 8.

3. Plaintiffs' Steering Committee:

Applications for PSC positions have been filed in accordance with the procedures set forth in Pretrial Order No. 1 (Rec. Doc. 4). The Court, having reviewed the applications and carefully considered the matter, hereby appoints the following members to the PSC, for a term commencing immediately until January 1, 2018:

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Appointment to the PSC is of a personal nature. Accordingly, the above appointees cannot be substituted by other attorneys, including members of the appointee's law firm, to perform the PSC's exclusive functions, such as committee meetings and court appearances, except with prior approval of the Court.

The PSC shall have the responsibilities set forth in Pretrial Order No. 1 (Rec. Doc. 4) at pages 9 through 12. Additionally, as mentioned herein, the Court may, in its discretion, add counsel to or subtract counsel from this committee as necessary.

4. Defendants' Committee:

At this time, the Court does not find that this litigation requires appointment of a Defendants' Steering Committee.

5. All Appointments Herein Shall be for a Term:

All appointments contained in this Order shall be for a term beginning from the date of this Order until January 1, 2018, at which time the Court will appoint or reappoint committee members, liaison counsel, and special counsel for the next one year term. Applications for the subsequent term shall be submitted no later than November 15, 2017.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 17th day of November 2016.


KURT D. ENGELHART
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE