

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

IN RE: TAXOTERE (DOCETAXEL))	MDL No. 3023
EYE INJURY PRODUCTS)	
LIABILITY LITIGATION)	SECTION: “H” (5)
)	
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:)	
ALL CASES)	

PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 2

1. Appointment of Liaison Counsel

On March 31, 2022, the Court held the Initial Pretrial Conference and appointed liaison counsel, as reflected in the Minute Entry for the conference (Rec. Doc. 11). Appointment is as follows:

- Karen Cannon Shanks, of Hotze Runkle LLC, as Plaintiffs’ Liaison Counsel; and
- Douglas Moore, of Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore LLC, as Defendants’ Liaison Counsel.

Liaison counsel shall have the responsibilities and authority set forth in Pretrial Order 1 (Rec. Doc. 5) at page 8.

At this time, the Court does not find that this litigation requires a separate appointment of liaison counsel for the 505(b)(2) Defendants.

2. Appointment of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee

Pursuant to Pretrial Order No. 1 (Rec. Doc. 5), issued by this Court on February 25, 2022, the Court received two applications for the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee (“PSC”). The Court notes that there are not a predetermined or requisite number of PSC positions. Furthermore, the number of PSC members as well as the individuals comprising the committee are subject to change by Order of this Court. Having reviewed the parties’

applications, the Court appoints Patrick Hotze, of Hotze Runkle PLLC, and Richard M. Paul III, of Paul LLP, to the PSC.

The PSC shall have the responsibilities set forth in Pretrial Order No. 1 (Rec. Doc. 5) at pages 9 through 13. Appointment to the PSC is of personal nature. Accordingly, the 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 from the Court.

3. Defendants' Steering Committee

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

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 13th day of April, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Triche Milazzo", written over a horizontal line.

HON. JANE TRICHE MILAZZO
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE