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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
17 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
18 SOUTHERN DIVISION
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20 IN RE ST. JUDE MEDICAL DEVICES
21 LITIGATION

22 This Document Relates To: ALL CASES
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SACV13-00383-JVS (ANx)
consolidated with CV 13-2715(ANx);
CV13-2186 JVS; CV13-2393 JVS; CV 13-
6768 JVS; and CV 13-7958 JVS

Assigned to: Hon. James V. Selna

SCHEDULING ORDER

1 The parties appeared for a hearing regarding Defendants' motions to dismiss and
2 to strike certain allegations in Plaintiffs' complaints, and for a scheduling conference
3 on January 10, 2014. Plaintiffs were represented by C. Brooks Cutter of Kershaw,
4 Cutter & Ratnoff; Yvonne Flaherty of Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen P.L.L.P.; Louis
5 Franecke of Franecke Law Group, and Reza Torkzadeh of The Torkzadeh Law Firm.
6 Defendants were represented by Dan Ring of Mayer Brown, LLP and Rebecca Wood
7 and Nitin Reddy of Sidley Austin LLP. After discussion with the parties, the Court
8 makes the following scheduling orders:

9 **Bellwether Cases**

10 *Calise and Thompson* are hereby designated as the Bellwether cases and will
11 proceed to trial on February 3, 2015. Defendants have noted their objection to trying
12 these cases together and may request an opportunity to brief the issue of separate trials
13 in advance of trial. Plaintiffs reserve their rights with respect to any motions
14 Defendants may bring concerning the consolidation of the trials.

15 **Pre-Trial Conference Date**

16 The pre-trial conference date will be January 12, 2015. Motions in limine and
17 other trial-related motions will be heard at the time of the pre-trial conference, and
18 should be filed sufficiently in advance to allow for the standard briefing schedule of 28
19 days.

20 **Motions Cutoff**

21 The last hearing date for all non-trial related motions shall be December 8, 2014.
22 Such motions shall proceed on the usual 28-day cycle, unless the parties stipulate and
23 agree to a longer cycle.

24 **Fact Discovery**

25 Fact discovery is open as of the date of the scheduling conference, and shall
26 remain open until October 21, 2014. Plaintiffs are to coordinate and serve discovery
27 collectively. The parties are directed to meet and confer as to the number and duration
28 of non-expert depositions.

1 Case specific discovery in the non-bellwether cases is stayed, except for
2 discovery necessary to preserve evidence.

3 **Expert Discovery**

4 The parties are directed to meet and confer regarding a sensible schedule for
5 disclosure of experts and conduct of expert discovery.

6 **Discovery Disputes**

7 Discovery disputes will be heard by the Hon. Arthur Nakazato, United States
8 Magistrate Judge according to the Court's normal rules.

9 **Settlement Conference**

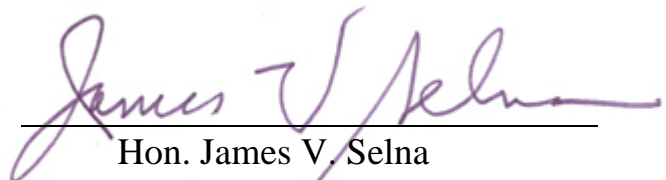
10 The parties are directed to establish a procedure for a settlement conference and
11 conduct a settlement conference prior to September 12, 2014. The parties may choose
12 private mediation or also avail themselves of the assistance of a Magistrate Judge.

13 **Next Status Conference**

14 The parties are directed to meet and confer and notify the Court of a potential
15 date in April for the next status conference, and the parties are directed to file a joint
16 report seven (7) days in advance of the conference.

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18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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20 Dated: January 24, 2014

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23 Hon. James V. Selna
24 Judge of the United States District Court
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