

BEFORE: VIKTOR V. POHORELSKY  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATE: 1/29/14  
START TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
END TIME: 3:00 p.m.  
JUDGE: JG

DOCKET NO. 12-MD-2331

CASE NAME: In re Propecia (Finasteride) Products Liability Litigation

CIVIL CONFERENCE

PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE: Status and Scheduling

APPEARANCES: Plaintiffs See Attached  
Defendant See Attached  
Court Reporter Anthony Frisolone

SCHEDULING AND RULINGS:

1. The next status conference will be held on **April 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.**
2. Discussion held concerning the status of discovery, including document production, the commencement of depositions of some of the defendant Merck's employees, the production of information via the Plaintiff Profile Forms, and the plan for a third-party vendor to collect and maintain the medical records of the plaintiffs obtained by the defendants.
3. The parties are putting the finishing touches on a Common Benefit Fund Order which should be presented to the court for signature within a week or so.
4. The parties are discussing, and will present to the court, a proposed plan for the completion of discovery and other pretrial proceedings, including *Daubert* motions and the selection of bellwether cases for trial. They anticipate that some substantive issues pertaining to discovery will require resolution by the court, including decisions on state laws as to ex parte communications by the defendants' counsel with the various plaintiffs' medical providers.
5. The court will consider the scheduling of proceedings with respect to the motion to dismiss made by the defendants in the recently transferred case of *J.L. Howze v. John Canan, et al.*, 14 CV 297.

**IN RE PROPECIA (FINASTERIDE) PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION  
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Appearances

Plaintiffs	Trent Miracle, Esq. Clinton Fisher Esq. Tim Becker, Esq. David Ratner, Esq. David Sirotkin, Esq.
Defendants	Charles Morrow, Esq. (Merck) Matthew McLaughlin, Esq. (Merck) Michele Levin, Esq. (MHR & Bosley)