

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
PENSACOLA DIVISION**

IN RE: 3M COMBAT ARMS  
EARPLUG PRODUCTS  
LIABILITY LITIGATION

Case No. 3:19md2885

This Document Relates to All Cases

Judge M. Casey Rodgers  
Magistrate Judge Gary R. Jones

**PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 29  
Initial Bellwether Cases**

In accordance with the procedures set forth in Pretrial Order Nos. 23 and 24, the following cases have been selected for the initial bellwether pool.

<b>20 Bellwether Cases</b>			
1	Baker, Lloyd Eugene	7:20cv039	19465
2	Blum, Michelle Marie	7:20cv122	51455
3	Camarillorazo, Guillermo	7:20cv098	137410
4	Estes, Luke	7:20cv137	26495
5	Finley, Theodore	7:20cv170	163273
6	Garcia, Sigifredo	7:20cv072	109776
7	Hacker, Stephen	7:20cv131	30068
8	Hensley, Marcus	7:20cv093	79599
9	Keefer, Lewis	7:20cv104	11295
10	Kelley, Denise	7:20cv153	165526
11	King, Jared Lee	7:20cv132	30281
12	Lopez, Kevin	7:20cv060	160400
13	McCombs, Dustin	7:20cv094	79857
14	McNeal, Chad S.	7:20cv066	45425

15	Palanki, Joseph <sup>1</sup>	3:19cv2324	138793
16	Sloan, Ronald Elliot	7:20cv001	116838
17	Taylor, Joseph	7:20cv071	10428
18	Vaughn, Jonathan Wade	7:20cv134	31013
19	Vilsmeyer, Luke	7:20cv113	91380
20	Wayman, William	7:20cv149	83748
<b>5 Alternates</b>			
1	Adkins, Brandon	7:20cv012	66104
2	Beal, James E.	7:20cv006	60447
3	Burgus, Lonnie Eugene	7:20cv007	60806
4	Rowe, Vernon C.	7:20cv026	65984
5	Stoeber, Andrew	7:20cv059	134986

The Clerk is directed to enter a copy of this Order on the individual docket for each of the 25 cases, transfer the administrative cases to the 3M MDL docket, 3:19md2885, and send electronic notices of same to the attorneys of record for both sides.

Within **10 days** after a case has been transferred to the 3M MDL docket, a filing fee must be paid, plaintiff's counsel must seek *pro hac vice* admission if he or she is not already admitted to the bar of this district, and the plaintiff must file a Notice of Designated Forum on his or her individual docket, identifying the federal

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff Joseph Frank Palanki also has a case pending on the administrative docket, Case No. 7:20cv003. Because Mr. Palanki's administrative case is duplicative of his case on the 3M MDL docket, Case No. 3:19cv2324, the Clerk is directed to close the administrative case. In the future, all pleadings and papers involving Mr. Palanki's individual case must be filed on the docket for Case No. 3:19cv2324. The Clerk is directed to file a copy of this Order on the docket for each of Mr. Palanki's cases.

district in which he or she could have filed his or her case in the absence of direct filing on the administrative docket.

Within **14 days** from the date an initial bellwether case or alternate is transferred to the 3M MDL docket, each side must file a statement on the plaintiff's individual docket clearly and unambiguously advising whether they will waive any applicable venue and *forum non conveniens* challenges to the case being tried in this district.<sup>2</sup>

**SO ORDERED**, on this 27th day of February, 2020.

*M. Casey Rodgers*

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**M. CASEY RODGERS**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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<sup>2</sup> See *Lexecon Inc. v. Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach*, 523 U.S. 26 (1998).