

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

<b>IN RE ABBOTT LABORATORIES,</b>	)	MDL 3026
<b>ET AL.,PRETERM INFANT NUTRITION</b>	)	
<b>PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION</b>	)	Master Docket No: 22 C 00071
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<b>This Document Relates To:</b>	)	<b>Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer</b>
	)	
<b>ALL CASES</b>	)	

**ORDER**

In its November 11, 2022 order, this court provided guidance with respect to the parties’ disputes regarding a discovery schedule and directed them to make a further attempt to agree on a proposed schedule. Counsel report that their effort to reach accord was unsuccessful. For reasons explained earlier, the court concludes that the schedule proposed by the Plaintiffs’ Leadership Committee is reasonably aggressive, and hereby adopts that schedule as follows:

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Close of fact discovery	April 28, 2023
Selection of four Initial Bellwether Trial cases	May 12, 2023
Deadline for Plaintiffs to submit of general-causation and case-specific expert reports	June 9, 2023
Deadline for Defendants’ objections, if any, to Plaintiffs’ general causation and case-specific expert reports	July 21, 2023
Deadline for submission of Plaintiffs’ rebuttal expert reports	August 11, 2023
Deposition of experts	August 14 – October 6, 2023
Timeframe to conduct court-ordered mediation on the Bellwether selections	October 16–27, 2023
Deadline for filing of any motions for summary judgment or <i>Daubert</i> motions	November 10, 2023

Response date for summary judgment or <i>Daubert</i> motions	December 22, 2023
Deadline for replies in support of motions for summary judgment and/or <i>Daubert</i> motions	January 12, 2024
Hearing dates on motions for summary judgment and/or <i>Daubert</i> motions	February 5-6, 2024
Pre-trial conference date to establish schedule for initial trials	March 11, 2024

This schedule is subject to adjustment only for good cause shown or by good faith agreement of counsel. Counsel are encouraged to continue efforts to coordinate the schedule in this MDL with schedule[s] set by state court judges.

A further status hearing is set for December 13, 2022, as previously ordered. Lead counsel are again invited to advise the courtroom deputy whether an in-person proceeding, or a meeting by video platform, is preferable.

**ENTER:**

Dated: November 22, 2022

  
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER  
United States District Judge