

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
AT CHARLESTON

BRYAN HUGHES,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 2:24-cv-00319

CARTIVA, INC;
WRIGHT MEDICAL GROUP, N.V.; and
STRYKER, B.V.,

Defendants.

ORDER

The court has reviewed the report of the parties' planning meeting filed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f). It is ORDERED that the scheduling conference be, and it hereby is, cancelled.

Pursuant to Rule 16(b) and Local Rule of Civil Procedure 16.1(e), it is accordingly ORDERED that this case shall proceed as follows:

Deadline	Date
Amending the pleadings or joining parties	10/09/2024
Last date to serve discovery requests	05/05/2025
Opening Rule 26 expert disclosures	04/18/2025
Responsive Rule 26 expert disclosures	05/19/2025
Rebuttal Rule 26 expert disclosure	06/03/2025
Discovery to close	06/17/2025
Dispositive motions deadline	07/07/2025

Response to dispositive motion	07/21/2025
Reply to response to dispositive motion	07/28/2025
Settlement meeting	09/08/2025
Motion in limine deadline	09/15/2025
Responses for motions in limine	09/22/2025
Proposed pretrial order to defendant	09/11/2025
Integrated pretrial order	09/18/2025
Pretrial conference	09/26/2025 10:00 AM
Proposed jury charge	10/20/2025
Final settlement conference	10/27/2025 10:00 AM
Trial	10/28/2025 9:30 AM

The amendment of any pleading and the joinder of any party is subject to Rules 15 and 16, and the accompanying rules governing the joinder of parties.

The last date to complete depositions shall be the "discovery completion date" by which all discovery shall be completed. Pursuant to Local Rule 26.1(c), the court adopts and approves the agreements of the parties with respect to limitations on discovery (numbers of interrogatories, requests for admissions, and depositions).

Regarding the settlement meeting, the parties and their lead trial counsel, if any, shall meet and conduct negotiations looking toward the settlement of the action, and counsel and any unrepresented parties will be prepared at the pretrial conference to certify that they have done so. Counsel for the plaintiff(s) shall take the initiative in scheduling the

settlement meeting, and all other counsel and unrepresented parties shall cooperate to effect such negotiations. If the action is not settled during the settlement meeting or mediation session, and if there is no order or stipulation to the contrary, counsel and unrepresented parties shall make all Rule 26(a)(3) disclosures at the conclusion of the meeting or session.

The proposed integrated pretrial order, signed by all counsel and unrepresented parties, shall set forth the matters listed in Local Rule of Civil Procedure 16.7(b).

At both the pretrial and final settlement conferences, lead trial counsel shall appear fully prepared to discuss all aspects of the case. Individuals with full authority to settle the case for each party shall be present in person or immediately available by telephone.

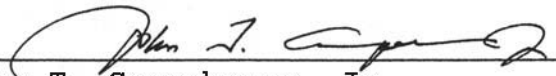
Regarding the proposed charge to the jury, counsel shall submit numbered instructions in charge form on substantive theories of recovery or defense, on damages and on evidentiary matters peculiar to the case, and special interrogatories, if any be appropriate to the case, along with a proposed verdict form.

Should lead trial counsel fail to appear at any pre-trial conference or otherwise fail to meet and confer in good faith with opposing counsel as required herein, or should a party or his authorized representative fail to appear or be available at any conference or otherwise fail to meet and confer in good faith as required herein, appropriate sanctions may be imposed, including, but not limited to, sanctions by way of imposition of attorney fees against the attorney and/or his client pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(f).

All proceedings shall be held by the court at the Robert C. Byrd United States Courthouse, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this order to all counsel of record and to any unrepresented parties.

ENTER: September 17, 2024



John T. Copenhaver, Jr.
Senior United States District Judge