

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: GADOLINIUM-BASED ) Case No. 1:08 GD 50000  
CONTRAST AGENTS PRODUCTS ) MDL No. 1909  
LIABILITY LITIGATION )  
) Judge Dan Aaron Polster  
)  
) SCHEDULING ORDER  
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**\*THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO ALL CASES\***

The Court hereby schedules a Large Group Conference to be held in Courtroom 18B, in the Carl B. Stokes United States Court House, 801 West Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio at **1:30 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, March 1, 2012.**<sup>1</sup> The purpose of the Conference will be to determine what if anything further should be done in this MDL. Counsel for all four Defendants and counsel from each firm that has cases pending at that time **shall attend the Conference in person.**

In preparation for the Conference, the Court directs Defendants and the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee ("PSC") to confer and jointly file, **no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, February 9, 2012**, a chart identifying the name and number of every case that has not been settled or dismissed. With respect to each identified case, the chart shall also identify (1) the law firm representing the Plaintiff(s), (2) the Defendant(s) still remaining in the case, and

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<sup>1</sup>Due to the Court's heavy schedule in the coming months, this is the only date the Court could set aside for a hearing.

(3) the court of origin (i.e., where the case is venued). The Court strongly suggests that the parties make every effort between now and February 9 to dismiss cases that have been settled or that counsel have already agreed should be dismissed.

The Court also directs Defendants, the PSC, and other counsel with cases, to confer in an attempt to agree upon a protocol for resolving or remanding the remaining cases. Whether they can reach agreement or not, the Court directs counsel to file, **no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, February 23, 2012**, either a joint proposed protocol or separate proposed protocols for resolving or remanding the remaining cases.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

/s/ Dan A. Polster January 26, 2012

**Dan Aaron Polster  
United States District Judge**