

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Eastern District of Pennsylvania**

Chambers of
LOWELL A. REED, JR.
Senior Judge

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March 29, 2010

Asbestos MDL 875 Mediation: Progress Report and Case Management Order

Via E-Mail

To: All Counsel Who Participated in the March 23, 2010 Mediation Planning Conference

Dear Counsel:

This letter order commemorates dates set during our all-day March 23, 2010 mediation planning conference:

By 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 26, 2010, plaintiffs' counsel shall submit to chambers via email a written counter proposal regarding the proposed agreement for dismissal of unimpaired non-malignant cases. After I review the counter proposal and provide my comments to plaintiffs' counsel, I expect to authorize plaintiffs' counsel to release it to defense counsel for consideration.

Within in one week from receipt of the above mentioned plaintiffs' counter proposal, defense counsel shall submit to chambers via email their written counter proposal regarding the dismissal of unimpaired non-malignant cases. After I review the defense proposal and provide comments to defense counsel, I expect to authorize defense counsel to release it to plaintiffs' counsel.

I hereby alert counsel to the possibility that I may call a mediation session or conference to work out the final details of the subject agreement if the parties are not successful before April 15th. I also may be consulting with both sides or one side to assist the parties in reaching an agreement. I will notify counsel if either of these modalities are employed.

The next mediation and planning session is scheduled for **Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.** in Courtroom 4B, United States Courthouse, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lowell A. Reed, Jr
LOWELL A. REED. JR.

cc: The Honorable Eduardo C. Robreno