

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

Chambers of
LOWELL A. REED, JR.
Senior Judge

4001 United States Courthouse
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**Asbestos MDL 875 Mediation: Mediation Management Planning Conference for the
Cascino Vaughan Asbestos Cases Referred to Judge Reed by Judge Robreno**

Via E-Mail

To: All Counsel

Dear Counsel:

On **Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.**, I will hold a mediation management planning conference in Courtroom 4B, United States Courthouse, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. **Please set aside the entire day for this proceeding.**

The purpose of this conference is to discuss, *inter alia*: (1) any remaining discovery to be provided by plaintiffs; (2) a schedule for defense counsel to submit discovery; (3) the status of third party discovery; (4) the requirements to allow defense counsel to gain access to the IKON document repository, including who will keep track of signed confidentiality statements; (5) the efficiency of utilizing the IKON documents and any related experiences and suggestions; (6) plaintiffs' counsel's progress regarding the identification of counsel for so called peripheral defendants and the dismissal of such defendants not found; (7) the cases dismissed due to the Indiana Statute of Repose; and (8) planning for actual mediation procedures.

All counsel participating in the mediation of these cases are welcome to attend. However, any defense counsel whose clients seek special handling of their cases, as well as, the defense liaison committee (consisting of C. Michael Evert, Jr., Michael W. Drumke, Robert H. Riley, and Robert N. Spinelli), and plaintiffs' counsel must attend.

By **12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2011**, the parties shall submit to chambers a joint list of additional proposed agenda items. Defense counsel with specific suggestions should submit them to the members of the defense liaison committee for inclusion in the submission to chambers.

Sincerely,

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

cc: The Honorable Eduardo C. Robreno