

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

**IN RE: NORTHERN OHIO
MARITIME ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

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) **MARDOC ORDER 2015-3**
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) **JUDGE DAN AARON POLSTER**
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) **MINUTES OF 3/4/2015 CASE**
) **MANAGEMENT TELECONFERENCE**
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On Wednesday, March 4, 2015, Judges Polster and Katz conducted a teleconference, joined by Judge Robreno, the purpose of which was to discuss how best to manage and resolve the remanded asbestos cases which will not be settled by March 16, 2015.¹ As a result of discussions, it was agreed that, prior to the conference scheduled at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Monday, March 16, 2015, counsel shall confer regarding the following matters and be prepared to discuss them at the conference:

1. Select liaison counsel, i.e., attorneys the Court can contact quickly with regard to administrative or procedural matters, and who can readily convey that information to other counsel. The Court recommends 1 to 2 lawyers for plaintiffs, 2 to 4 lawyers for the shipowner defendants, and 1 lawyer for the John Crane entity or entities.
2. Begin to devise a methodology for mediating cases with Judges Polster and Katz in blocks of 20-25 cases. The Court recommended that counsel determine what the first block of cases should look like, and agree on a date for mediating them.

¹Counsel attending the teleconference: Kevin Alexandersen, Stephen Armato, Heidi Church, Michael Connelly, Steve Daniels, Timothy Duffy, Joe Fiteni, Robert Gerhardt, Harold Henderson, Dawn Herrick, John Herrick, Edmund John, Wayne Kalkwarf, James Kline, Donald Krispin, Chris Kuebler, Cindy Martin, Wayne Marvel, Kaitlin Moroney, Jennifer Novak, Kevin O'Donovan, Paul Palermo, Brad Rimmel, Joshua Scheets, Mark Tivin, and Jeff Whitesell.

The Court noted that there are 48 defendants in 126 cases with no counsel. The Court expects Plaintiffs to clean up the dockets and dismiss those defendants who are no longer in business or are uncollectible prior to the March 16 conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Dan A. Polster March 4, 2015
Dan Aaron Polster
United States District Judge