

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLEVELAND COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel., MIKE HUNTER, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA,

Plaintiff,

 $\mathbf{v}_{\boldsymbol{\cdot}}$

- (1) PURDUE PHARMA L.P.;
- (2) PURDUE PHARMA, INC.;
- (3) THE PURDUE FREDERICK COMPANY;
- (4) TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC.;
- (5) CEPHALON, INC.;
- (6) JOHNSON & JOHNSON:
- (7) JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.:
- (8) ORTHO-McNEIL-JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., n/k/a JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.;
- (9) JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA, INC., n/k/a JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.;
- (10) ALLERGAN, PLC, f/k/a ACTAVIS PLC, f/k/a ACTAVIS, INC., f/k/a WATSON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.;
- (11) WATSON LABORATORIES, INC.;
- (12) ACTAVIS LLC; and
- (13) ACTAVIS PHARMA, INC., f/k/a WATSON PHARMA, INC.,

Defendants.

For Judge Balkman's Consideration

Case No. CJ-2017-816 Honorable Thad Balkman

William C. Hetherington Special Discovery Master

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TEVA'S BRIEF ON SCHEDULING AND TRIAL ISSUES

Come now the Teva defendants and the Actavis defendants and submit this brief following up on the hearing before this Court on April 4, 2019.

I. JURY SUMMONS ISSUE

The parties are informed that jury the summonses have been sent for the May 28, 2019 trial date. On April 4, 2019, the State filed a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal of Certain Claims Without Prejudice ("Dismissal"). Based upon the Dismissal, the Teva and Activas defendants assume the

State is in agreement that (1) the State is not seeking punitive damages, (2) the State is not seeking future damages, and (3) that the alleged nuisance is not a permanent nuisance. That being the case, the Teva and Activas defendants have no objection to notifying the summoned jurors they will not be necessary. If any of these assumptions are incorrect, that could materially change the Teva and Activas defendants' position.

II. SEVERANCE

The Teva and Actavis defendants moved to be severed from all the remaining defendants in a Motion for Severance filed on February 26, 2019. The Johnson & Johnson defendants have likewise asked to be severed from Teva in a brief filed on March 22. The position of the Teva and Actavis defendants on severance has not changed as a result of the State's Dismissal filed April 4. The Teva and Actavis defendants request that the Court take up the severance issues at the hearing scheduled for April 11.

III. SCHEDULING ISSUES

The Teva and Actavis defendants hereby renew their objections that this case cannot be ready for trial on May 28, 2019, and a continuance is necessary. Anticipating that the Court does not want to entertain further argument regarding the trial date in this brief, this brief turns to additional issues.

A. <u>Discussion</u>

A non-jury is more efficient. For example, some testimony can be presented on paper, some explanatory testimony which would be necessary for a jury, will not be necessary for the Court, etc. Also, many motions in limine will not be necessary. That said, for a trial of the size, complexity, and number of defendants at issue here, there remains a need for (1) a detailed scheduling process in order to get the case prepared for trial on May 28, and (2) a meaningful motion procedure.

Daubert hearings remain necessary because some Daubert rulings will be relevant to dispositive motions. Also, hours and perhaps days of testimony may be unnecessary if a particular expert is to be excluded. Further, as was evident in the State's comments at the hearing on April 4, there is uncertainty on whether experts relevant to the False Claims Act claims (Drs. Beaman and Gibson) may be offered at trial as witnesses nevertheless. There may be additional uncertainties as well. Daubert hearings will therefore be a valuable tool for the Court and the parties to determine in advance what will be allowed in the way of expert testimony.

Motions in limine will be significantly reduced if there is no jury. There will still be a need for motions in limine, however. There will be significant issues on which the parties will want to brief the Court about whether particular evidence should or should not be considered by the Court. Further, if certain evidence is going to turn out to be inadmissible based on a motion in limine, it is more efficient for the Court and the parties to know that before hearing hours of irrelevant testimony.

The deposition designation and counter designation process is easier without a jury. Nevertheless, there needs to be a process. The Court will not need to read or watch <u>all</u> of a witness's deposition. Much of the testimony is unquestionably irrelevant. Thus, there must be a process for the party offering the deposition to offer the specific portions it wants. Correspondingly, there needs to be a process for the other parties to counter designate portions they want the Court to review. Finally, there must be of a process for the parties to note objections to the testimony.

Dispositive motions remain a vital part of the process. First, it makes no sense for the Court to spend significant amounts of time and energy hearing testimony relating to a defendant that will be dismissed as a matter of law, for example. Second, the parties will want to brief the Court on the applicable law regarding whether there is any need to go forward in that respect.

B. CONDITIONS

The proposal below assumes the following conditions are acceptable to the Court:

- 1. The State, as it has previously announced twice, will not have Daubert motions.
- 2. Deposition designation dates are incorporated into the remaining schedule.
- 3. Requests for Admissions on document authentication which specifically identify the particular documents to be authenticated will be responded to within 15 days
- 4. The parties will email everything to each other the same day it is filed and filings will be made on or before the due date.
- 5. Exhibit lists will include bates numbers or copies of each exhibit.

C. PROPOSED SCHEDULE

The proposed schedule set forth below assumes this will be a non-jury trial. If it is to be a jury trial, this schedule will not work. The entire schedule would need to be moved earlier in time so that motions in limine and deposition designations can be dealt with earlier and completed on time for a jury trial.

Subject to the objections and conditions:

- 1. Wednesday, April 10
 - a. Daubert motions for April 26 hearing are due.
- 2. Thursday, April 11—Hearing
 - a. Actavis Motion for Summary Judgement regarding Generics
 - b. Motion to Sever
 - c. Motion to move trial to OU Law School
 - d. Teva's Objection to Discovery Master's Refusal to Compel Deposition on Corporate Representative Topic No. 17
- 3. Thursday, April 18
 - a. Responses due for Daubert motions to be heard April 26
- 4. Friday, April 19

- a. Any additional Daubert motions due
- 5. Tuesday, April 23
 - a. Witness lists deadline
 - b. Dispositive motions deadline
- 6. Friday, April 26
 - a. Hearing on Daubert motions
 - b. Hearing on other matters as appropriate
 - c. Exhibit lists deadline
 - d. Motions in limine deadline
- 7. Monday, April 29
 - a. Responses to remaining Daubert motions due
- 8. Friday, May 3
 - a. Designation of witnesses to appear in person
 - b. Responses to in limine deadline
 - c. Responses to dispositive motions due
- 9. Monday, May 6
 - a. Hearing on second round of Daubert motions
 - b. Hearing on other matters as appropriate
 - c. In limine based on Exhibit and Witness Lists due
- 10. Thursday, May 9 afternoon only
 - a. Hearing on dispositive motions
 - b. Hearing on in limine if time permits
- 11. Friday, May 10
 - a. Deposition designations due
- 12. Monday, May 13

- a. Stipulations to be filed by the parties
- b. In limine responses (Exhibit & Witness lists) due
- 13. Tuesday, May 14
 - a. Hearing on dispositive motions
 - b. Hearing on in limine if time permits
- 14. Wednesday, May 15
 - a. Hearing on dispositive motions, if necessary
 - b. Hearing on motions in limine
- 15. Thursday, May 16
 - a. Hearing Pretrial Conference
- 16. Friday, May 17
 - a. Hearing on outstanding matters
 - b. Deposition counter designations due
- 17. Tuesday, May 21
 - a. Trial briefs due
 - b. Objections to deposition counter designations due
- 18. Thursday, May 23
 - a. Hearing on outstanding matters
- 19. Friday, May 24
 - a. Hearing on outstanding matters

IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

The Teva and Activas defendants seek a schedule which (a) is commensurate with the size and complexity of the case the State chose to bring, (b) allows for meaningful consideration of the pretrial motions, and (c) provides a practical path for the lawyers and the Court to get this massive and complicated case ready for trial.

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