

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLEVELAND COUNTY APR 16 2019 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

Plaintiff,

v.

- (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.

In the office of the Court Clerk MARILYN WILLIAMS

### For Judge Balkman's Consideration

Case No. CJ-2017-816 Honorable Thad Balkman

William C. Hetherington Special Discovery Master

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULING ORDER

Pursuant to the Court's request on April 10, 2019, the State submits the attached proposed supplemental scheduling order (Exhibit A).

The State's proposal takes into account the efficiencies that can be achieved through a bench trial. For example, a bench trial eliminates the need for motions in limine altogether. A motion in limine is a pretrial motion asking the court to prohibit evidence so highly prejudicial that a curative instruction cannot cure the detrimental effect on the jury. *Messler v. Simmons Gun Specialties, Inc.*, 1984 OK 35, 687 P.2d 121. This is why many courts have held that "[i]n a bench

trial, [motions in limine] are unnecessary, as the Court can and does readily exclude from its consideration inappropriate evidence of whatever ilk." Carroll v. United States, 2017 WL 187552, at \*1 n.3 (W.D. Okla. Jan. 17, 2017) (quoting Cramer v. Sabine Transp. Co., 141 F. Supp. 2d 727, 733 (S.D. Tex. 2001)); see also Serby v. First Alert, Inc., 2015 WL 4494827 (E.D.N.Y. July 22, 2015) (the risk of juror confusion or potential prejudice is not a factor in a bench trial, negating the usefulness of motions in limine). Further "[i]f the judge is the trier of fact, the prejudice arises through the motion in limine itself. For this reason, motions in limine are usually ineffective to avoid prejudice in bench trials. In addition, in bench trials, trial judges are frequently unwilling to exclude evidence. If they ultimately determine that the evidence is inadmissible, they can disregard it when formulating the findings of fact. This factor also militates against use of motions in limine in bench trials." Judge Robert E. Bacharach, Franchising Law Symposium: Developments in Oklahoma Law: Motions in Limine in Oklahoma State and Federal Courts, 24 OKLA. CITY U.L. REV. 113, 117 (1999).

Likewise, the State's proposal limits the total number of hearings required to prepare this case for trial. To the extent additional hearings are required for *Daubert* or Motions in Limine, those hearing should be streamlined for the reasons described above.

Finally, Defendants propose that the pre-trial deadline for the Exhibit List be final and that neither party be allowed to admit any exhibit into evidence not included on that list. As the Court is aware, there is an enormous amount of discovery in this case. While the State agrees that both sides should make a good faith effort to identify the exhibits they intend to present at trial by the proposed deadline, limiting the parties to that list is unnecessarily restrictive. This case is extremely complex, and the parties should be allowed to respond to new issues as they arise during

trial. Thus, the State proposes that the parties be allowed at trial to present additional documents produced by the opposing party, pursuant to the Oklahoma Rules of Evidence.

For the reasons described herein, the State respectfully requests the Court adopt the State's proposed supplemental scheduling order.

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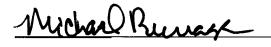
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### [PROPOSED] SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULING ORDER

Event	Deadline
Daubert motions for April 26 hearing	April 16, 2019 at noon
Parties to exchange list of witnesses to be called live including the identities of any corporate witnesses  Defendants will have available during Plaintiff's case in chief, with copy to Court	April 19, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
Responses due for Daubert motions to be heard April 26	April 23, 2019 at noon
Dispositive motions deadline	April 23, 2019
Hearing	April 26, 2019



Witness lists deadline	April 26, 2019
Responses to dispositive motions due	May 3, 2019
Hearing	May 6, 2019
Deposition Designations due	May 8, 2019
Exhibit lists deadline*	May 13, 2019
Stipulations to be filed by the parties	May 13, 2019
Deposition counter designations due	May 14, 2019
Hearing	May 16, 2019
Objections to deposition counter designations due	May 20, 2019
Trial briefs due	May 21, 2019

<sup>\*</sup>Any document produced by a Party in the litigation may be used at trial subject to the Oklahoma Rules of Evidence.

IT IS SO ORDERED April \_\_\_\_, 2019.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT