## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

### IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION

Case No. 1:17-CV-2804

**APPLIES TO ALL CASES** 

Hon. Dan A. Polster

## THE MANUFACTURER AND DISTRIBUTOR DEFENDANTS' JOINT MOTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF STEERING COMMITTEES <u>AND DEFENDANTS' CO-LIAISON COUNSEL</u>

Pursuant to the Court's December 14 and 20 2017, Minute Orders, the Manufacturer

Defendants<sup>1</sup> and Distributor Defendants<sup>2</sup> submit this joint Motion Regarding the Appointment of

a Steering Committees and Defendants' Liaison Counsel.

## I. PROPOSAL FOR MANUFACTURER AND DISTRIBUTOR DEFENDANTS' STEERING COMMITTEES

Given the significant differences in allegations and claims against the various groups of

Defendants, the Manufacturer and Distributor Defendants respectfully recommend that the Court

establish separate tracks for the Manufacturer and Distributor defendant groups to ensure that the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Manufacturer Defendants are Purdue Pharma L.P., Purdue Pharma Inc., and The Purdue Frederick Company Inc.; Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. and Cephalon Inc.; Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica Inc.; Endo Health Solutions Inc. and Endo Pharmaceuticals Inc.; Allergan Finance, LLC f/k/a Actavis, Inc. f/k/a Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Watson Laboratories, Inc., Actavis LLC, and Actavis Pharma, Inc; Mallinckrodt LLC; and Insys Therapeutics, Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Distributor Defendants are Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Drug Company, McKesson Corporation, CVS Indiana, L.L.C., Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, and Masters Pharmaceutical, Inc. Counsel for Distributor Defendants have attempted to confer with counsel or representatives of each distributor named in any litigation pending before this Court and believe they have the consent of all distributors.

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MDL is structured in an efficient manner from the start. Each track, in turn, will benefit from its own steering committee. For the defense side, the Manufacturer and Distributor Defendants respectfully recommend that the Court establish a Manufacturer Defendants' Steering Committee and a Distributor Defendants' Steering Committee. These Committees would include representatives for each of the primary Manufacturer and Distributor Defendants. As to other Defendants that are not within the Manufacturer and Distributor defense groups, such as individual health care or pharmacy Defendants, the Manufacturer and Distributor Defendants propose that the Court establish a third Steering Committee to include these individual Defendants.

The Manufacturer Defendants nominate the following representatives for the Manufacturer Defendants' Committee:

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The above nominees all have experience handling complex multi-party litigations, an ability to work cooperatively with the other committees, and a willingness to dedicate the time and resources necessary to effectively aid the Court in the coordinated proceeding.<sup>3</sup>

## II. PROPOSAL FOR DEFENDANTS' CO-LIAISON COUNSEL

The Manufacturer and Distributor Defendants also propose that the Court appoint five Co-Liaison Counsel. The Co-Liaison Counsel would include two representatives for the Manufacturer Defendants and three representatives for the Distributor Defendants. The Manufacturer Defendants' Co-Liaison Counsel would be:

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, this 22nd day of December, 2017, I electronically filed a copy of the above and foregoing with Clerk of the Court using the ECF system, which sent notification of such filing to counsel of record.

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