

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

STATUS CONFERENCE

In Re: Fluoroquinolone Products Liability
Litigation,

Plaintiff,

v.

Defendant

COURT MINUTES

BEFORE: John R. Tunheim
Chief U.S. District Judge

Case No: 15-2642 JRT

Date: March 4, 2022

Deputy: Heather Arent

Court Reporter: Maria Weinbeck

Time Commenced: 11:14 AM

Time Concluded: 11:58 AM

Time in Court: 44 Minutes

Hearing on: Status Conference

I. Janssen Defendants Update

Counsel for Janssen stated that there were eight (8) pro se cases and six (6) represented plaintiff cases remaining against Janssen Defendants. Upon the Janssen Defendants' motion, the Court dismissed the Martinez, Mills, Pillow, and Delong cases. As Janssen Defendants' motion for summary judgment in Gamblin's case was unopposed, as confirmed by Gamblin's attorney at the hearing, the Court granted the motion for summary judgment. The Court also dismissed pro se plaintiff Maller's case pursuant to Janssen Defendants' motion to dismiss. Counsel summarized its efforts to reach out to pro se plaintiff Schulte, to no avail. Counsel stated they will consider bringing a motion to dismiss that case which can be considered at the next status conference. Counsel represented that they progress was being made in the McKinley, Aultman, Buch, Steele, Tierno, and Cerney cases.

II. Bayer Defendants Update

Counsel for Bayer represented that they were working with counsel for plaintiff McKinley to obtain certain attachments to McKinley's Plaintiff Fact Sheet. Counsel for Bayer notified the Court that it was working to dismiss the Chauvin case as that case is

an older matter that has had no recent movement. Counsel also identified a new case, Adams, that was recently transferred into the MDL.

III. Plaintiff Jackson's Motion to Remand

Counsel for Bayer and counsel for plaintiff Jackson argued Jackson's motion to remand, asking this Court to suggest to the JPML panel a remand back to the transferor court. The Court denied Jackson's motion and retaining the case in the MDL. The Court ordered that Jackson's expert reports on the claims as to both specific and general causation be supplied no later than May 1st, 2022. The Court dismissed with prejudice Jackson's peripheral neuropathy claims.

IV. Scheduling of Next Status Conference

The next status conference will be scheduled for May 19, 2022 at 11:30 AM.

APPEARANCES BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

Plaintiffs: Yvonne Flaherty, David Dickey, Charles Kelly, Jason Rieper

Pro Se Plaintiff: Linda Tierno

Defendants: Tracy Van Steenburgh, Andrew Solow