

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

CHARLESTON DIVISION

IN RE: NEOMEDIC PELVIC REPAIR
SYSTEM PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL 2511

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES

PRETRIAL ORDER # 18

(Order Appointing Karen Beyea-Schroeder as Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel)

Karen Beyea-Schroeder has submitted an Application for Co-Lead of Plaintiffs' Steering Committee along with a certificate of good standing from the State Bar of Texas. Ms. Beyea-Schroeder seeks appointment as co-lead plaintiffs' counsel in the Neomedic MDL. Existing co-leads, Messrs. Derek Potts and Riley Burnett, do not object. In addition, the Special Master, Mr. Ethan Greene, agrees to the appointment.

I have considered Ms. Beyea-Schroeder's submission and supporting documentation and, finding no objection, I **APPOINT** Ms. Beyea-Schroeder as the third co-lead plaintiffs' counsel for this MDL. Her contact information is:

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The Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel shall have the following responsibilities in this MDL:

1. Act as spokesperson for all plaintiffs at pretrial proceedings and in response to any inquiries by the court, subject to the right of any plaintiff's counsel to present non-repetitive individual or different positions as long as the presentation does not unduly delay the proceedings.
2. Submit and argue any verbal or written motions presented to the presiding district judge or magistrate judge on behalf of the plaintiffs as well as oppose, when necessary, any motions submitted by the defendants which involve matters within the sphere of the responsibilities of Lead Counsel.
3. Examine witnesses and introduce evidence at hearings on behalf of plaintiffs.
4. Negotiate and enter into stipulations with defendants regarding this litigation. All stipulations entered into by Lead Counsel, except for strictly administrative details such as scheduling, must be submitted for court approval and will not be binding until the court has ratified the stipulation. Any attorney not in agreement with a non-administrative stipulation shall file with the court a written objection thereto within ten (10) days after service by counsel of the stipulation. Failure to object within the term allowed shall be deemed a waiver and the stipulation will automatically be binding on that party.
5. Explore, develop and pursue all settlement options pertaining to any claim or portion thereof of any case filed in this litigation.
6. Attend status conferences and have video conferencing capability.
7. Perform such other functions as may be expressly authorized by further orders of this court.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2:14-md-2511 and it shall apply to each member related case previously transferred to, removed to, or filed in this district, which includes counsel in all member cases up to and including civil action number 2:15-cv-8059. In cases subsequently filed in this district, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action at the time of filing of the complaint. In cases subsequently removed or transferred to this court, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action upon removal or transfer. It shall be the responsibility of the parties to review and abide by all pretrial orders previously entered by the court. The orders may be accessed through the CM/ECF system or the court's website at www.wvsd.uscourts.gov.

ENTER: June 24, 2015



JOSEPH R. GOODWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE