

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

CHARLESTON DIVISION

IN RE: COOK MEDICAL, INC., PELVIC REPAIR
SYSTEM PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL 2440

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES

**PRETRIAL ORDER # 17
(Order Amending PTO # 4 - Counsel Structure)**

A. Plaintiffs' Counsel Structure

Following the initial case management conference in the above-styled litigation and subsequent proceedings, I previously issued a Pretrial Order addressing organizational roles including plaintiffs' counsel structure and composition of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee.

Since the initial organization of the first MDLs assigned to me, this Court has been assigned additional MDLs relating to transvaginal mesh, including this one, and is currently overseeing nearly 40,000 cases, across six MDLs. With scheduled matters, including Bellwether trials, extensive discovery, consolidation and motion practice and considering the current posture of the litigation, I **FIND**, after careful consideration, that it is appropriate to add plaintiffs' liaison counsel to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee. It is **ORDERED** that the following attorneys are appointed to the existing Plaintiffs' Executive Committee:

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The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2:13-md-2440 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 2:13-cv-30754. 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: December 6, 2013



JOSEPH R. GOODWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE