## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON DIVISION

No. 2440

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO THE CASES LISTED BELOW AND THE DISCOVERY POOL CASES

## PRETRIAL ORDER # 56 (Fourth Amended Docket Control Order)

Plaintiffs recently dismissed with prejudice, the Bellwether and back up Bellwether cases of *Ailey v. Cook Inc.*, *et al.*, 2:13-cv-18888, and *Lingo v. Cook Inc.*, *et al.*, 2:13-cv-20359. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that PTO # 53 (Third Amended Docket Control Order) is **AMENDED** to remove the pretrial, trial and other deadlines associated with *Ailey* and *Lingo*. In particular, the court has removed the following provisions from PTO # 53: paragraph 2(a)-(f). The remaining deadlines from PTO # 53 remain the same.

It is **ORDERED** that the following deadlines apply in the Discovery Pool *and* Bellwether cases as follows:

## 1. Motion Practice.

- a. In all Discovery Pool cases and the four Bellwether cases chosen by the court, Non-*Daubert* based Dispositive Motions shall be filed by **February 12, 2015**. Response briefs shall be filed by **February 19, 2015**. Reply briefs shall be filed by **February 23, 2015**.
- b. In the four Bellwether cases chosen by the court, all *Daubert* motions shall be filed by **February 12, 2015**. Response briefs shall be filed by **February 23, 2015**. Reply briefs shall be filed by **February 23, 2015**.

- c. In the four Bellwether cases chosen by the court, all motions in limine, supplemental *Daubert* motions as to the agreed upon medical examinations and *Daubert* based dispositive motions shall be filed by **March 16**, **2015**. Response briefs shall be filed by **March 23**, **2015**. Motions in limine are limited to 3 pages each; responses are limited to 2 pages each.
- d. The court will determine a deadline for *Daubert*-based dispositive motions and motions in limine in the remaining Discovery Pool cases at a later date.
- e. Dates for summary judgment and *Daubert* hearings, if any, will be set at an upcoming status conference.
- f. Local Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1(a)(2) applies regarding the page limits on memoranda in support of dispositive motions as well as responses and replies. The court will not be inclined to grant motions to exceed the page limit. The court requests that the parties abide by Local Civil Rule 7.1(a)(5) regarding courtesy copies.
- g. A party who wishes to file confidential documents must file a motion to seal well before the filing is due so that the opposing party can respond and the Court can rule on the motion. The court encourages the parties to resolve issues related to confidential documents on a wholesale basis well in advance of the dispositive motion deadline. Filings containing placeholder exhibits will be struck.
  - 2. Trial and Other Deadlines May 18, 2015 and June 8, 2015 Trials.
- a. Pretrial. The Court shall conduct a pretrial conference for the May 18 and June 8,
  2015 trials on May 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. I will notify the parties of any final settlement conferences.
- b. *Deposition Designations*. Deposition designations for the May 18 and June 8, 2015 trials shall be submitted to the Court by **April 30, 2015**. Any objections to an opposing

party's designations and any counter-designations shall be submitted to the Court by May 6, 2015. Any objections to the counter-designations, and any counter-designations to an opposing party's counter-designations, shall be submitted to the Court by May 11, 2015. The presiding Magistrate Judge, Judge Eifert, will conduct a hearing on any outstanding designation deposition issues on May 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Huntington.

- c. Exhibit and Witness Lists. The parties will exchange exhibit and witness lists for the May 18 and June 8, 2015 trials by **April 13, 2015**.
- d. The parties shall file a proposed integrated pretrial order for the May 18 and June 8, 2015 trials pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 three (3) days prior to the pretrial conference. The proposed integrated pretrial order, signed by all counsel and unrepresented parties, shall set forth the matters listed in Local Civil Rule 16.7(b).
- e. For the May 18 and June 8, 2015 trials, the parties shall file proposed jury instructions in charge form on substantive theories of recovery or defense, on damages and on evidentiary matters peculiar to the case, and special interrogatories, if any be appropriate to the case, along with a proposed verdict form on **May 10, 2015**. The court requests that the parties email the proposed jury instructions to the court's law clerk in Word format.
- f. Trial. The court will conduct the second and third trials on May 18 and June 8, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. In the event Watkins is dismissed or not otherwise ready for trial, the court will proceed to trial of the Hovey case.

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2:13-md-2440 and in *Ailey* v. *Cook Inc.*, et al., 2:13-cv-18888, *Lingo* v. *Cook Inc.*, et al., 2:13-cv-20359, *Watkins* v. *Cook Inc.*, et al., 2:13-cv-18900. In cases subsequently filed in this district after 2:15-cv-02977, 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: March 23, 2015

JOSEPH R. GOODWIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE