



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**IN RE: OPIOID LITIGATION**

**Civil Action No. 19-C-9000**

**THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO ALL CASES**

**ORDER APPOINTING CO-LEAD COUNSEL ON BEHALF  
OF CITY/COUNTY AND HOSPITAL PLAINTIFFS**

On September 30, 2021, the Panel directed the Discovery Commissioner to propose lead counsel on behalf of the City/County and Hospital Plaintiffs for the expedited bench trial scheduled to commence on July 5, 2022. *Order Regarding Voluntary Dismissal of Legal Claims Discussed During September 10, 2021 Status Conference* (Transaction ID 66980151). On October 4, 2021, the Discovery Commissioner submitted a recommendation and proposal to the Panel. *Discovery Commissioner's Recommendation for Lead Counsel on Behalf of the City/County and Hospital Plaintiffs* (Transaction ID 66988736).

Having reviewed the proposal and recommendation and finding the same to be well-founded, the Panel **ORDERS** Paul T. Farrell, Jr. and Robert P. Fitzsimmons are **APPOINTED** to serve as co-lead counsel on behalf of the City/County and Hospital Plaintiffs for the expedited bench trial scheduled to commence on July 5, 2022.

A copy of this Order has this day been electronically served on all counsel of record via File & ServeXpress.

It is so **ORDERED**.

**ENTERED:** October 5, 2021.

/s/ Alan D. Moats  
Lead Presiding Judge  
Opioid Litigation

/s/ Derek C. Swope  
Presiding Judge  
Opioid Litigation