



**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

**AMENDED STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER  
REGARDING STAY OF DEADLINES**

**COME NOW**, Defendants' Liaison Counsel, John J. Meadows, on behalf of Defendants and Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel, Timothy R. Linkous, on behalf of Plaintiffs, except for the State of West Virginia, and pursuant to Rule 16 of the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure, amend their previously filed Stipulation (TID 66766029) and move this Court to allow the amendment of that Stipulation by Agreed Order of the Parties and Court.

This Court's "Order Regarding E-Filing and Service Deadlines for Responses to Motions and Replies to Responses," filed July 23, 2019 (TID 63616820), sets the deadlines for certain motions filings "[u]nless otherwise ordered by the Court." The proposed Amended Stipulation amends those deadlines, as explained in the Amended Stipulation, *infra*, and in the earlier Stipulation (TID 66766029). Good cause exists to accept this Amended Stipulation and Agreed Order in fostering agreement among the many parties and deadlines and in promoting judicial efficiency in managing those various positions.

The undersigned Liaison Counsel MOVE this Court to FIND that the terms of the Amended Stipulation and Agreed Order are permitted notwithstanding the deadlines set in the Court's previous Order of July 23, 2019 and that the Amended Stipulation is SO ORDERED.

**So Ordered** Judge Alan D Moats Jul 30, 2021

**AMENDED STIPULATION REGARDING STAY OF DEADLINES**

All Defendants and all Plaintiffs except for the State of West Virginia (collectively “the parties”) previously agreed to a 30-day stay of deadlines following the July 13, 2021 mandates issued by the Supreme Court of Appeals. See Stipulation Regarding Stay of Deadlines, Transaction ID 66766029, July 14, 2021. Subsequently, the Mass Litigation Panel (“the Panel”) issued an order scheduling a status conference for September 10, 2021. See Order Scheduling Status Conference, Transaction ID 66772334, July 16, 2021. The parties now agree to extend their agreed-upon stay of deadlines through September 24, 2021. All other aspects of the parties’ prior stipulation of July 14, 2021 shall remain operative, including the parties’ agreement to work together to prepare the inventory of deadlines that will come due following the end of the stay period.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned counsel hereby certifies that on this 28th day of July, 2021, the foregoing *“Amended Stipulation and Agreed Order Regarding Stay of Deadlines”* was filed using the File & Serve*Xpress* system, which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

/s/ John J. Meadows \_\_\_\_\_

**So Ordered** Judge Alan D Moats Jul 30, 2021