



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: OPIOID LITIGATION

Civil Action No. 21-C-9000 MFR

THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO ALL MANUFACTURER CASES:

**ORDER REQUIRING MEDIATION OF MANUFACTURER CASES
TO BE CONDUCTED BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

The Resolution Judges have determined the COVID-19 pandemic necessitates conducting mediation of the Manufacturer Cases on **October 21, 2021, and October 22, 2021**, by video conference to limit in-person contact and maintain social distancing. All Required Participants must download the Microsoft Teams Meeting platform to participate in mediation by video conference. The Mass Litigation Manager will send Microsoft Teams Meeting invitations to the Required Participants for each day of mediation. **Mediation will begin at 9:00 a.m. each day by Microsoft Teams Meeting.**

REQUIRED PARTICIPANTS

The following persons are required to participate in mediation on **October 21, 2021, and October 22, 2021, by video conference:**

- (a) lead trial counsel for the Plaintiff;
- (c) lead trial counsel for each Defendant;
- (d) the corporate representative for each Defendant; and
- (e) the insurer representative for each Defendant.

CONTACT SHEET FOR MEDIATION BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

Counsel for the parties shall coordinate with one another to prepare **one contact sheet** containing the party or parties represented, the name, e-mail address, office and cell phone numbers for each Required Participant participating in mediation by video conference. The contact sheet shall be submitted to the Mass Litigation Manager via e-mail at

kim.fields@courtsww.gov no later than 12:00 p.m. on October 4, 2021.

All other aspects of the *Order Convening Early Mediation* entered on August 12, 2021 (Transaction ID 66844715) remain in full force and effect.

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

It is so **ORDERED**.

ENTERED: September 30, 2021.

/s/ Joanna I. Tabit
Lead Resolution Judge
Opioid Litigation