



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: OPIOID LITIGATION

Civil Action No. 19-C-9000

THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING CASE:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOONE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA ex rel.
PATRICK MORRISSEY, Attorney General,
Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 19-C-62
Hon. William S. Thompson

PURDUE PHARMA, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership,
PURDUE PHAME INC., a New York corporation, and
RICHARD SACKLER, M.D.
Defendants.

ORDER

Pending before the Presiding Judges assigned to the Opioid Litigation is *The Purdue Defendants' Motion for Referral to Mass Litigation Panel*, filed in the above-captioned civil action. The Presiding Judges have reviewed and maturely considered the motion, Plaintiff's response, Defendants' reply, the arguments of counsel presented on August 22, 2019, and have conferred with one another to insure uniformity of their decision, as contemplated by Rule 26.07(a) of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules.

For the reasons set forth in the motion and for such other reasons as may be apparent, the Presiding Judges unanimously rule that Defendants' motion to transfer the above-captioned civil action to the Mass Litigation Panel should be granted. This Order is entered to advise the parties of the Court's ruling, in light of the status conference scheduled in the Opioid Litigation at **10:00 a.m. on September 20, 2019**, in Courtroom Four, also known as the Ceremonial Courtroom, on the second floor of the Kanawha County Courthouse, located at 409 Virginia Street, East, in

Charleston, West Virginia. A detailed order with findings of fact and conclusions of law will be forthcoming.

At least one counsel of record with authority to speak for and fully represent each party in the Opioid Litigation shall attend the September 20, 2019, status conference. Any *pro se* litigants are required to attend the status conference, unless excused by the Court upon written request, for good cause shown.

The Court directs the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, to send a certified copy of this Order to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Boone County, West Virginia, for filing and service on Judge William S. Thompson and all parties in the above-captioned civil action. The Court further directs the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, to serve the *pro se* litigants in the Opioid Litigation with a copy of this Order via U.S. Mail, First Class, at the following addresses:

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All parties to *In re: Opioid Litigation*, Civil Action No. 19-C-9000, shall be served with this Order electronically.

It is so **ORDERED**.

ENTER: August 27, 2019.

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