



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 CONTINUING TRIAL DATE

Pending before the Court is *Defendants' Motion to Continue Trial Date* (Transaction ID 65900379). The Presiding Judges have reviewed the Motion, *Certain Plaintiffs' Response to Defendants' Motion to Continue Trial Date* (Transaction ID 65938378), *Plaintiffs' Response in Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Continue Trial Date* (Transaction ID 65938517), *The State of West Virginia's Joinder in Plaintiffs' Response in Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Continue Trial Date* (Transaction ID 65938899), and *Defendants' Reply Brief in Support of Motion to Continue Trial Date* (Transaction ID 65958159).

When the Court scheduled a Phase I, non-jury trial of liability for public nuisance to be conducted on March 22, 2021, it recognized that, "continuing public health concerns regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) may impact this date." *Order Regarding Rulings Issued During March 13, 2020 Status Conference* (Transaction ID 64846125) ("March 20, 2020 Order"). Finding that the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic have delayed this litigation, the Presiding Judges **GRANT** Defendants' Motion. The Court **ORDERS** a Phase I, non-jury trial of liability for public nuisance to be conducted on **November 1, 2021**. The Court further **ORDERS** the parties to meet and confer, and to file and serve proposed interim deadlines **no later than 12:00 p.m. on October 30, 2020**.

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

ENTERED: October 13, 2020.

/s/ Alan D. Moats
Lead Presiding Judge
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/s/ Derek C. Swope
Presiding Judge
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