



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: OPIOID LITIGATION

CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-C-9000

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**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFFS' JOINT OBJECTIONS TO WVMLP
DISCOVERY RULING NO. 1 DENYING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

The Presiding Judges have reviewed and considered the *Discovery Commissioner's June 3, 2020, Order Denying Plaintiffs' Motion for Protective Order WV MLP Discovery Ruling No. 1* (Transaction ID 65675481)("Discovery Ruling No. 1"); *Plaintiffs' Joint Objections to WV MLP Discovery Ruling No. 1 Denying Motion for Protective Order* (Transaction ID 65690099) filed on June 10, 2020; *Defendants' Memorandum of Law in Opposition* (Transaction ID 65704192) filed on June 16, 2020; and *Plaintiffs' Combined Reply and Motion to Extend Deadline to Respond to Discovery Subject to Discovery Commissioner's June 3, 2020 Ruling No. 1* (Transaction ID 65723219) filed on June 25, 2020.

The Discovery Commissioner correctly found that Defendants "may conduct discovery on the issue of liability from all Plaintiffs but the discovery requests regarding abatement costs must be limited to Harrison County, City of Clarksburg and United Hospital Center." Discovery Ruling No. 1, p. 2. The Discovery Commissioner further found that liability discovery directed to Harrison County, Clarksburg and United Hospital was appropriate. *Id.* p. 3 Finding no abuse of discretion, the Panel adopts and incorporates the Discovery Commissioner's *Order Denying Plaintiffs' Motion for Protective Order WV MLP Discovery Ruling No. 1* (Transaction ID 65723219) and, for the reasons set forth in the Discovery Ruling No. 1, **DENIES** Plaintiffs' Joint Objections.

A copy of this Order has been electronically served on all counsel of record this day.

It is so **ORDERED**.

ENTER: July 20, 2020.

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