



**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 GRANTING DISTRIBUTOR DEFENDANTS’  
MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF LEAD COORDINATING COUNSEL**

Pending before the Court is “Distributor Defendants’ Motion for Substitution of Lead Coordinating Counsel” (Transaction ID 65854339).

On September 27, 2019, the parties filed their “Submission of Liaison Counsel for 9/24/19 Order” (Transaction ID 64251822). Subject to objections concerning the definition and broad role of “Lead Counsel,” the Distributor Defendants selected Al Emch of Jackson Kelly PLLC to serve in this role. *See* Part I.C., “Selection of Lead Counsel by Distributor Defendants.” On October 9, 2019, the Court entered an Order modifying and limiting the role of “Lead Counsel” to that of “Lead Coordinating Counsel,” due to Defendants’ objections and concerns. “Order Regarding Rulings Issued During the September 20, 2019 Status Conference” (Transaction ID 64297517) (hereinafter, “October 9, 2019 Order”). The Court thereafter appointed Al Emch of Jackson Kelly PLLC as Lead Coordinating Counsel for the Distributor Defendants. (*Id.*). Currently, Al Emch is no longer practicing law on a full-time basis and seeks to be relived of this role. Accordingly, the Distributor Defendants seek to substitute Albert F. Sebok (WVSB #4722) of Jackson Kelly PLLC as Lead Coordinating Counsel for the Distributor Defendants, as that term has been defined by the Court in its October 9, 2019 Order.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court hereby **GRANTS** the Distributor Defendants’ Motion and **ORDERS** that Albert F. Sebok (WVSB #4722) of Jackson Kelly PLLC is designated as Lead Coordinating Counsel for the Distributor Defendants, as that term has been defined by the Court

in its October 9, 2019 Order. The Court's October 9, 2019 Order (Transaction ID 64297517) is hereby amended to reflect the same.

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

It is so **ORDERED**.

**ENTERED:** August 25, 2020.

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