



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 REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON COUNSEL
AND PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFICATION OF RULE TO SHOW CAUSE**

The Court hereby **APPOINTS** Timothy R. Linkous to serve as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel, and John J. Meadows to serve as Defendants' Liaison Counsel in the Opioid Litigation.

The Court has determined it is appropriate to issue a *Notice of Rule to Show Cause* pursuant to Rule 19 of the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure why other entities should not be joined as plaintiffs in the Opioid Litigation to insure full and complete resolution of all potential West Virginia causes of action in this litigation, with the exception of those pending in federal court.

As Ordered during the Court's Status Conference on September 20, 2019, Liaison Counsel shall confer with one another and with their respective co-counsel and prepare for submission to the Court: (1) a list of entities the parties believe should be joined as plaintiffs in the Opioid Litigation, pursuant to Rule 19 of the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure; and (2) a plan for notifying each of the identified entities of the Court's *Notice of Rule to Show Cause*. The parties' submission shall also include a plan for cost sharing regarding notification. Liaison Counsel shall file and serve the parties' recommended list of entities, proposed plan for notification, and plan for cost sharing in the Master Case file no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2019.

The Court will review the parties' submission, and will issue its *Notice of Rule to Show Cause* along with an approved list of entities to be served with the *Notice of Rule to Show Cause* no later than October 8, 2019. Liaison Counsel shall work with co-counsel to serve a copy of the

Court's *Notice of Rule to Show Cause* on the identified entities, and shall file and serve a Notice of Compliance stating that counsel have completed notification of the entities who should be joined pursuant to Rule 19 of the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure no later than October 22, 2019.

The Court will conduct a hearing of its Rule to Show Cause at 10:00 a.m. on December 6, 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 copy of this Order has been electronically served on all counsel of record this day via File & ServeXpress. The Court directs the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, to serve the *pro se* litigants with a copy of this Order via U.S. Mail, First Class, at the following addresses:

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It is so **ORDERED**.

ENTERED: September 24, 2019

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