



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OHIO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

**IN RE: TOBACCO LITIGATION
(Individual Personal Injury Cases)**

CIVIL ACTION NO. 00-C-5000

THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO ALL CASES

ORDER REGARDING RULINGS ISSUED ON DECEMBER 14, 2017

On December 14, 2017, the Mass Litigation Panel Judges assigned to the Tobacco Litigation conducted a status and scheduling conference¹, during which the Panel issued a number of rulings:

1. No later than January 3, 2018, *pro hac vice* counsel shall certify they have paid all renewal fees due and owing to the West Virginia State Bar;
2. At 9:00 a.m. on January 19, 2018, the Presiding Judges will hear the motion to dismiss the smokeless tobacco claims of 41 Plaintiffs without prejudice, subject to a right to refile those claims within two years, described in Plaintiffs' and the Non-Liggett Defendants' *Joint Status Report on Resolution of all Non-Liggett Claims* (Transaction ID 61463583);
3. No later than December 28, 2017, Plaintiffs' counsel shall notify the Court regarding their selection of Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel;
4. No later than January 16, 2018, Plaintiffs' Counsel shall file and serve a list of all currently pending cases against Defendant Liggett Group, LLC, including the case name and civil action number of each such pending case;
5. No later than January 16, 2018, Plaintiffs' Counsel shall file and serve proposed dismissal orders in rich text format for any cases that have been resolved against Defendant Liggett Group LLC;

¹ Lead Resolution Judge Booker T. Stephens was not able to attend the status conference on December 14, 2017.

6. No later than December 28, 2017, Plaintiffs' Counsel and Counsel for Defendant Liggett Group LLC shall file and serve a proposed agreed scheduling order and a proposed agreed Plaintiff Fact Sheet in rich text format for review and approval by the Court; and
7. Plaintiffs and Defendant Liggett Group LLC shall be ready to conduct mediation with the Resolution Judges after April 1, 2018.

Once mediation is scheduled by the Resolution Judges, an order governing mediation and mediation statements will be entered by Lead Resolution Judge Booker T. Stephens.

It is so **ORDERED**.

ENTER: December 20, 2017.

/s/ Jack Alsop
Lead Presiding Judge
Tobacco Litigation