



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RALEIGH COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**IN RE: GAVIN LANDFILL LITIGATION**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-C-8000**

**THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO ALL CASES**

**AMENDED CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER**

The Court has appointed the following attorneys to serve as Liaison and Lead Counsel in the Gavin Landfill Litigation:

**LIAISON COUNSEL**

Plaintiffs: J. Zachary Zatezalo  
Defendants: Ancil G. Ramey

**LEAD COUNSEL**

Plaintiffs: Christopher J. Regan  
Defendants: Lori Elliot Jarvis

This amended case management order shall govern all pre-trial and trial activities for Phase I of the Gavin Landfill Litigation, which shall include the issues of liability, including liability for medical monitoring, and whether punitive damages are appropriate.

**INITIAL DISCOVERY CONFERENCE: June 26, 2016**

Plaintiffs and Defendants have met, conferred, and attempted to resolve all discovery disputes. The parties conducted an additional conference to discuss outstanding issues, scheduling issues and the Plaintiff Fact Sheet, by telephone, on **July 6, 2016**.

**PARTIES TO EXCHANGE PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS: July 15, 2016**

**CONFERENCE REGARDING JURY INSTRUCTIONS: July 22, 2016 at 9:00 am.**

**CONFERENCE REGARDING PROPOSED PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET (if necessary):  
July 22, 2016 at 9:00 am.**

Plaintiffs and Defendants shall meet and confer regarding the proposed Jury Instructions and Plaintiff Fact Sheet, and shall e-file and serve the proposed Jury Instructions and Plaintiff Fact Sheet in rich text format **no later than August 5, 2016**.

Plaintiffs and Defendants shall e-file and serve any briefs in support of their proposed Jury Instructions and Plaintiff Fact Sheet **no later than August 15, 2016.**

Plaintiffs and Defendants shall e-file and serve any responsive briefs related to the proposed Jury Instructions and Plaintiff Fact Sheet **no later than August 22, 2016.**

**All Plaintiff Fact Sheets shall be completed, e-filed and served no later than 30 days after the Court has approved the parties' proposed Plaintiff Fact Sheet.**

**HEARING ON PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS AND PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET:**

The Court will hear oral argument regarding the parties' proposed jury instructions and Plaintiff Fact Sheet at **10:00 a.m. on August 29, 2016**, in Courtroom Four, also known as the Ceremonial Courtroom, on the Second Floor of the Kanawha County Courthouse, at 407 Virginia Street, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

**DEADLINE FOR FILING ANY DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION REGARDING INSURANCE COVERAGE:** November 1, 2016

**DEADLINE FOR AMENDING COMPLAINT TO ADD COUNTS OR PARTIES, INCLUDING THIRD-PARTIES:** August 1, 2016

**DEADLINE TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL PLAINTIFFS, ALONG WITH CIVIL ACTION NUMBERS:** Plaintiffs filed a *List of All Plaintiffs with Civil Action Numbers* on **June 30, 2016** (Transaction ID 59218010).

**FACT DISCOVERY**

**FACT WITNESS DISCLOSURE DEADLINE:** August 1, 2016

**FACT DISCOVERY COMPLETION DEADLINE:** January 2, 2017

All responses and objections to discovery shall be completed and all motions to compel discovery shall be filed by the fact discovery completion deadline. The fact discovery completion

deadline established in this scheduling order does not excuse failure to comply with the provisions of Rule 26(e) requiring supplementation of responses to discovery.

**EXPERT DISCOVERY**

**PLAINTIFFS' EXPERT WITNESS DISCLOSURE DEADLINE: November 1, 2016**

**DEFENDANTS' EXPERT WITNESS DISCLOSURE DEADLINE: December 15, 2016**

**EXPERT DISCOVERY COMPLETION DEADLINE: March 1, 2017**

Any party desiring to use an expert witness shall furnish opposing counsel with the specialty of such expert and copies of all reports submitted by such witness, or, if no reports have been submitted, a summary of the substance of such expert's contemplated testimony, in accordance with WVRCP 26(b)(4). If the name, reports or 26(b)(4) material are not timely provided, a motion to continue, motion to exclude, or other sanction motion on this basis will not be considered unless opposing counsel has filed such motion prior to the pretrial conference.

**ALL DISCOVERY IS CLOSED: March 1, 2017**

**MEDIATION: To be determined.**

**DEADLINE FOR FILING MOTIONS IN LIMINE: April 3, 2017**

**DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES TO MOTIONS IN LIMINE: April 17, 2017**

**DEADLINE FOR REPLIES TO MOTIONS IN LIMINE: April 24, 2017**

WVRE 103(c) requires that all motions in limine should be determined prior to trial, where practicable. This Court will not consider motions in limine on the day of trial without good cause shown.

**DEADLINE FOR DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS: April 3, 2017**

**DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES TO DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS: May 1, 2017**

**DEADLINE FOR REPLIES TO DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS: May 8, 2017**

If a discovery deposition is scheduled within 30 days of the close of discovery, counsel shall request an expedited copy of the transcript of such deposition. The Court will not permit supplementation of dispositive motions or responses to dispositive motions with deposition testimony received after the briefing deadlines set forth above.

**HEARING ON DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS:** at **10:00 a.m. on June 2, 2017**, in Courtroom Four, also known as the Ceremonial Courtroom, on the Second Floor of the Kanawha County Courthouse, at 407 Virginia Street, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

**WITNESS AND EXHIBIT LISTS, PROPOSED JURY QUESTIONNAIRE, PROPOSED VOIR DIRE, AND PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS:** **July 3, 2017**

Parties shall electronically file and serve their witness and exhibit lists, proposed jury questionnaire, proposed voir dire, and proposed jury instructions on one another, the Presiding Judges and the Mass Litigation Manager. Parties shall also provide the Mass Litigation Manager with their proposed voir dire and proposed jury instructions in Microsoft WORD format via electronic mail **on July 3, 2017**. The Mass Litigation Manager's electronic mail address is [kim.fields@courtswv.gov](mailto:kim.fields@courtswv.gov) .

The witness list shall be a bona fide list of intended trial witnesses and any recently discovered fact or condition witness. Names of witnesses shall be specified and shall include contact information for each witness and a statement of intended testimony. Unnamed/unlisted witness reservations are not authorized.

**EXHIBITS AND DEPOSITION DESIGNATIONS EXCHANGED:** **June 1, 2017**

Parties shall exchange full and complete copies of all exhibits intended to be introduced into evidence at trial and all deposition designations. All exhibits shall be pre-marked.

**OBJECTIONS TO EXHIBITS, WITNESSES AND DEPOSITION DESIGNATIONS:**

**June 15, 2017.** All parties shall meet and confer **no later than June 27, 2017**, to resolve objections to witnesses, exhibits and deposition designations.

**PRETRIAL CONFERENCE MEMORANDA: July 17, 2017**

All parties shall exchange their pretrial conference memoranda, and deliver their pretrial conference memoranda to the Presiding Judges and the Mass Litigation Manager.

**The pretrial conference memoranda shall contain the following:**

- a. Statement of the Case
- b. Issues of Fact
- c. Issues of Law
- d. Proposed Stipulations
- e. Specific Schedule of Exhibits
- f. Specific List of Witnesses (NO reservations authorized)
- g. Pending Motions
- h. Motions in Limine
- i. Proposed Verdict Form (NO reservations authorized)
- j. Deposition Designation Objections

**PRETRIAL CONFERENCE:** at **10:00 a.m. on August 4, 2017**, in Courtroom Four, also known as the Ceremonial Courtroom, on the Second Floor of the Kanawha County Courthouse, at 407 Virginia Street, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

**LEAD COUNSEL TRYING THE CASE SHALL APPEAR AT THE PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE.**

**TRIAL:** at 9:00 a.m. on September 11, 2017, in Courtroom Four, also known as the Ceremonial Courtroom, on the Second Floor of the Kanawha County Courthouse, at 407 Virginia Street, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Court has allotted three weeks for the Phase I Trial of liability, including liability for medical monitoring, and whether punitive damages are appropriate. If Plaintiffs prevail in Phase I, the Court will schedule pre-trial and trial deadlines and conduct a Phase 2 Trial of proximate cause and damages on dates and times to be determined.

**MODIFICATION:** In accordance with WVRCP 16(b) and 29(b), this Case Management Order shall not be modified, except by leave of the Court.

**SANCTIONS:** In accordance with WVRCP 16(f), the Court will impose the full spectrum of sanctions authorized by the WVRCP if a party or party's counsel fails to obey this order or other orders of this Court. Unless authorized by the Court, the above dates and requirements of this Case Management Order are **FINAL. NO** additional evidence developed as a result of deviations from this Case Management Order will be admissible at trial.

It is so **ORDERED.**

**ENTER:** July 18, 2016.

/s/ Derek C. Swope  
Lead Presiding Judge  
Gavin Landfill Litigation