

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE: HAIR RELAXER MARKETING	)	MDL No. 3060
SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS	)	
LIABILITY LITIGATION	)	No. 23-cv-00818
	)	
	)	District Judge Mary M. Rowland
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	)	Magistrate Judge Beth W. Jantz

**ORDER**

Status hearing regarding discovery held on 10/30/24 with Judge Jantz. All parties present remotely (NON-VIDEO) for today's hearing who wish to have their appearance reflected of record are directed to provide their name and firm to liaison counsel, who shall provide that information to the official court reporter by email, [Laura\\_Renke@ilnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Laura_Renke@ilnd.uscourts.gov), by noon Monday, 11/4/24.

The Court and liaison counsel discussed case management procedures in light of the (now full) discovery referral to Judge Jantz. The parties indicated that they expect to meet the 2/28/25 written discovery deadline and will continue to adhere to the meet and confer procedures employed to date. The Court will hold case management conferences (CMCs) regarding discovery progress (in person for key attorneys; an audio option will also be available for those wanting to listen remotely) at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 1812, on the same dates that the parties are currently scheduled to meet with the District Judge, unless otherwise noted in this Order. These CMCs are therefore scheduled for: 11/14/24 (9:30 a.m. start to accommodate the parties' state court schedule); 1/9/25; 2/13/25; 3/27/25; 4/24/25; 5/29/25; 6/26/25 (fully remote status conference, no in-person appearances); 7/31/25; 9/4/25; 10/9/25; 11/6/25; and 12/11/25. In an effort to keep discovery running smoothly in advance of the written discovery close date, this Court is also adding a discovery CMC on 12/12/24, with a slightly earlier 9:30 a.m. start time.

On the Thursday prior to each CMC (so, one week ahead of time), the parties are directed to file a joint status report regarding (a) the progress of discovery, (b) any current pending discovery disputes that the parties have identified, and (c) briefly, to what extent the parties have met and conferred about any disputes. The joint status report filed before Judge Jantz should be specific to discovery issues (including ESI) and is to be filed separately from the joint status report filed before the District Judge. Note the following change from the 10/30/24 status hearing: After reviewing each joint status report, the Court will discuss with the parties at each CMC which outstanding discovery issues require motion practice and/or are to be referred to the Special Master, *i.e.*, there will be no motion practice on those issues until discussed at the CMC. Also, as noted in the District Judge's 10/25/24 order, [923], the parties are free at any time and are encouraged to

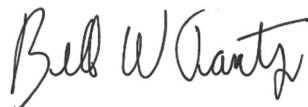
promptly present any discovery issues or disputes to the Special Master without raising them with this Court.

All currently pending discovery motions [784, 847] have already been referred to the Special Master and are not before Judge Jantz. The parties are to continue working with the Special Master on those motions.

As noted above, an in-person CMC is set before Judge Jantz in Courtroom 1812 for 11/14/24 at 9:30 a.m. To join the hearing by phone, dial 1-650-479-3207 and enter access code 2308 182 1801. Entering an attendee code is not required. Members of the public and media will be able to call in to listen to this hearing. Persons granted remote access to proceedings are reminded of the general prohibition against photographing, recording, and rebroadcasting of court proceedings. Violation of these prohibitions may result in sanctions, including removal of court issued media credentials, restricted entry to future hearings, denial of entry to future hearings, or any other sanctions deemed necessary by the Court.

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Dated: 10/31/24



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BETH W. JANTZ  
United States Magistrate Judge