

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION

IN RE: PARAGARD IUD ) MDL DOCKET NO. 2974  
 PRODUCTS LIABILITY )  
 LITIGATION ) 1:20-md-02974-LMM  
 ) **This Document Relates to All Cases**

**INITIAL SCHEDULING ORDER**

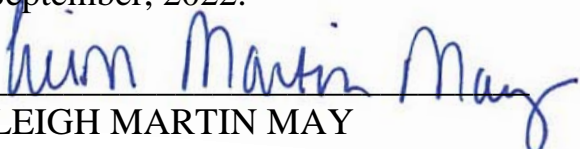
Except as stated otherwise in this Order, nothing herein (1) is intended to eliminate any applicable provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or local court rules; or (2) can or should be interpreted as waiving, abridging, modifying, or limiting any Parties' rights under *Lexecon v. Milberg Weiss*, 523 U.S. 26 (1998).

<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>
Parties to meet and confer on size of the pool of Bellwether cases; the framework for case specific discovery; and the number of trial Bellwether cases	October 18, 2022
Deadline for disputes about the size of the pool of Bellwether cases; the framework for case specific discovery; and the number of trial bellwether cases to be presented to the Court	October 25, 2022
Close of case-specific fact discovery in first Bellwether / trial pool cases and general corporate discovery in all cases, subject to Defendants' obligations to supplement their discovery responses as set forth in Rule 26(e) of	July 28, 2023

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the right of any party to seek leave for additional discovery	
Deadline for Plaintiffs to serve Rule 26 expert disclosure and expert reports in Bellwether / trial pool cases; to include 3 dates each designated expert witness may be deposed and the proposed location(s)	August 18, 2023
Deadline for Defendants to serve Rule 26 expert disclosure and expert reports in Bellwether / trial pool cases; to include 3 dates each designated expert witness may be deposed and the proposed location(s)	September 18, 2023
Deadline for rebuttal experts under Rule 26(a)(2)(D)(ii) in Bellwether / trial pool cases; to include 3 dates rebuttal expert may be deposed and the proposed location(s)	October 9, 2023
Close of expert discovery in first Bellwether/trial pool cases	October 30, 2023
<i>Daubert</i> Motion deadline in Bellwether trial eligible cases	November 7, 2023
Responses in opposition to <i>Daubert</i> motions in Bellwether trial eligible cases	December 1, 2023
Replies to <i>Daubert</i> motions in Bellwether trial eligible cases	December 15, 2023
Dispositive motion deadline in Bellwether trial eligible cases	November 14, 2023
Responses in opposition to dispositive motions in Bellwether trial eligible cases	December 8, 2023
Replies to dispositive motions in Bellwether Trial Eligible Cases	December 22, 2023

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
First Bellwether Trial	<b>March 4, 2024</b> , or 21 days after the Court rules on dispositive and <i>Daubert</i> motions, whichever is later

IT IS SO ORDERED this 28th day of September, 2022.

  
LEIGH MARTIN MAY  
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