

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**

**AMENDED CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF
BELLWETHER PROCESS**

Based on the new trial date of October 28, 2024, as set forth in the Court's Amended Scheduling Order, Doc. 541, the parties have agreed and the Court hereby orders that paragraphs 7, 9, and 10 in Doc. [431] are amended to read as follows:


7. **Number of Cases to Prepare for the First Bellwether Trial:** The BELLWETHER POOL shall be narrowed from 10 cases to 3 cases for the first bellwether trial(s) (hereinafter referred to as the "TRIAL ELIGIBLE POOL").

- a. On or before February 9, 2024, the parties will meet and confer to make alternate strikes of the BELLWETHER POOL cases until six cases remain. Defendants collectively will make strikes 1 and 3, and Plaintiffs collectively will make strikes 2 and 4.
- b. On or before February 13, 2024, the parties will meet and confer to make alternate picks from the six cases remaining. The Defendants will make pick 1, and the Plaintiffs will make pick 2.

- c. On or before February 15, 2024, the parties will provide a two page position paper to the Court concerning which 1 of the remaining 4 cases should be selected by the Court for inclusion in the TRIAL ELIGIBLE POOL. The Court shall select one of the remaining four cases for inclusion in the TRIAL ELIGIBLE POOL.
- d. The Court recognizes additional discovery may be needed for the three cases selected through this process. In the event that additional discovery is needed for these cases, the parties will meet and confer in an attempt to agree to the additional discovery needed. Any unresolved disputes may be brought to the Court by way of a concurrent submission of a two-page, single-spaced letter brief by February 15, 2024.

9. The February 29, 2024 through September 30, 2024 deadlines in the First Amended Scheduling Order (Doc. 541) apply only to the three TRIAL ELIGIBLE CASES.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 26th day of September, 2023


LEIGH MARTIN MAY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE