

Multi-District Litigation (MDL) Opiotes Updates

On February 12:

- Order extending time for service of process to May 18, 2018 and directing parties to cooperate to effect service to entities located outside the US (Doc. 123)
- Order amending the counsel listed on negotiating teams to deal with Special Masters (Doc. 124)
- Order revising cost-sharing for Special Masters (formerly 50/50; now 75% Defendants, 25% Plaintiffs) (Doc. 125); and
- Conditional Transfer Order (CTO) No. 8 (Transferring 12 cases to the MDL) (Doc. 126).

On February 15:

- CTO No. 9, transferring another 17 cases to the MDL (Doc. 129). This brings the MDL total to roughly 370 cases.

On February 16:

- Order Regarding Remands, clarifying that the Moratorium on filings issued December 14, 2017 precludes the current filings of motions to remand, but that parties' rights to seek remand and to serve responsive pleadings are preserved. (Doc. 130)

On March 6:

Settlement conference with the designated settlement teams to be held.