

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In Re: TAXOTERE (DOCETAXEL)
PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION

MDL NO. 2740

SECTION "N" (5)

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO
ALL CASES

PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 6
(Order Appointing Settlement Committees)

The Court previously indicated to all counsel its intention to appoint committees for both plaintiffs and defendants charged with engaging in continuous general settlement discussions on a regular basis, as opposed to participating in detailed discovery, trial preparations, and presentations at trial, wherein those time-consuming tasks would distract counsel from pursuing avenues for potential resolution of some or all of the issues in this multi-district litigation. The settlement committees are expected to hold regular discussions, in an attempt to establish common understandings, potential ground rules, component parts and concepts, anticipated relief, necessary approvals, and ultimately financial details, including drafting of all pertinent documents, in an attempt to resolve this matter prior to remand of some or all of the member cases. These discussions are to be both among the separate committee members themselves and with each other across the adversarial divide, as well as with and/or without the input of the assigned Magistrate Judge in this matter.

Therefore, based upon the applications solicited by the undersigned and submitted by a wide variety of highly competent counsel, the Court has narrowed down settlement committee memberships and hereby appoints the following:

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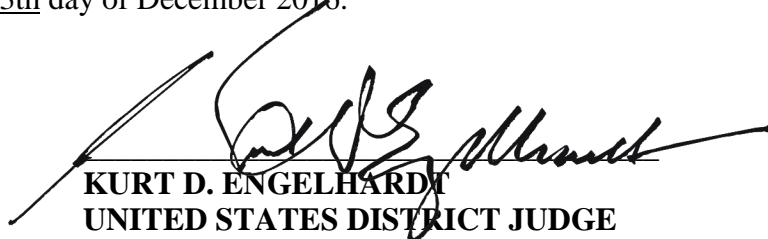
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These committees are to convene separately (in person or by telephone) within thirty (30) days to select among them a spokesperson (or chair) whose responsibilities shall be to organize meetings and handle communication with the counterpart committee as well as with the Court. The terms of appointment to these committees shall be the same for the appointment of counsel to the liaison committees (see Pretrial Order No. 2, Rec. Doc. 104), i.e., the initial term shall extend until January 1, 2018, and all other provisions of Paragraph 5 of Pretrial Order No. 2 shall apply.

In addition, the Court will, from time to time, meet by phone and in person with the settlement committees as so desired.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 13th day of December 2016.



KURT D. ENGELHARDT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE