

**United States District Court  
District of Rhode Island**

In Re: Kugel Mesh Hernia Products Liability Litigation  
Multidistrict Litigation (MDL 1842)

MDL DOCKET NO. 07-1842-ML  
All Cases

The monthly status conference was held on October 6, 2009. The conference was transcribed. The Court met with counsel and discussed the items listed on the agenda (docket # 2241).

Case Management Status Report for Bellwether Trials and General Discovery Status Report

The parties reported that discovery is moving along well. Plaintiffs' liaison counsel informed the Court that they have completed several depositions and have several other depositions scheduled. For the most part, the depositions completed have been liability depositions, however Defendants are beginning plaintiff-specific depositions. The parties were meeting after the status conference to discuss pending discovery matters. The Court informed the parties that if a discovery issue needs Court intervention, the parties should alert the Court's calendar clerk as soon as possible so that the Court can expeditiously resolve the matter.

Plaintiffs' liaison counsel informed the Court that the manner in which prior Defense counsel produced certain items left large voids of information in some productions. The parties are attempting to develop a resolution to this problem.

Pending Motions

Motion for Entry of Assessment Order – Hearing on the motion is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on November 10, 2009, in Courtroom 1.

Next Meeting

The next meeting (Open Session) of the Court, Plaintiffs' liaison counsel, and Defense counsel will be on November 10, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room (Room 151). Counsel shall submit proposed agenda items by close of business on November 3, 2009.