

**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

A status conference was held on June 25, 2013. The Court met with counsel and discussed the following items:

1. Status of the parties' efforts to resolve MDL cases

The intensive settlement/mediation process that started on April 15, 2013, has been successful. Defense counsel reported that 30 out of the 36 cases scheduled for June settlement/mediation conferences have settled. With respect to the six cases that did not settle, five cases have been moved to the July settlement/mediation schedule at the request of Plaintiffs and negotiations are ongoing in the one other case. Over the past three months, a total of 58 out of 65 cases that have gone through the process have settled.

Defense counsel petitioned the Court to extend the settlement process through October 31, 2013. The Court has issued an order extending the process. See Docket # 4180.

2. Trial Dates for September and October

The Court had reserved the months of September and October for trial dates for the next cases set for trial. Because the parties are focused on the intensive settlement/mediation process and trial set to begin on September 15, 2013 in Rhode Island Superior Court, the parties requested that the Court cancel the proposed trial dates for September and October in Federal Court.