

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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IN RE:)
VITAMINS ANTITRUST LITIGATION)

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

) Misc. No. 99-197 (TFH)

) MDL No. 1285

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:)
ALL ACTIONS)

ORDER Re: Third Amended Pretrial Schedule

Upon careful consideration of the parties' arguments concerning the pretrial schedule at the March 21, 2002 status conference, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. By agreement of the parties, all remaining undisputed fact discovery shall be completed by May 21, 2002.
2. The briefing schedule for all remaining discovery disputes shall be as follows:
 - a. Motions to compel or for protective orders shall be filed on or before April 8, 2002.
 - b. Reply briefs shall be filed on or before April 19, 2002.
 - c. Oppositions shall be filed on or before April 24, 2002.
 - d. Rule 53 objections to the Special Master's reports and recommendations shall follow the procedures outlined in Case Management Order (3).
3. Expert discovery pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B) shall proceed as follows:
 - a. Plaintiffs shall serve their expert reports by May 24, 2002.
 - b. Defendants shall serve their responding expert reports by June 28, 2002.
 - c. Plaintiffs shall file their rebuttal expert reports, if any, by July 17, 2002.
 - d. Defendants shall take depositions of plaintiffs' expert from July 22, 2002 - August 14, 2002 and plaintiffs shall take depositions of defendants' from August 19, 2002 - September 12, 2002.
4. Dispositive motions and motions to sever, if any shall be filed on or before August 6, 2002; Oppositions thereto shall be due 20 days after service of such motions, reply briefs shall be due 11 days after service of any such opposition briefs.
5. Any MDL case to be remanded shall be remanded by November 30, 2002.

6. All case to be tried in this jurisdiction shall be ready for trial by January 20, 2003.
Counsel in the cases to be tried in this jurisdiction shall meet and confer in conjunction with Magistrate Judge Kay and draft appropriate schedules to ensure that all pretrial motions fully are resolved before the January 20, 2003 trial date.

SO ORDERED.

March 21st, 2002



Thomas F. Hogan
Chief Judge