

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

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IN RE YASMIN AND YAZ)	3:09-md-02100-DRH-CJP
(DROSPIRENONE) MARKETING, SALES)	
PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY)	MDL No. 2100
LITIGATION)	
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MINUTES OF STATUS CONFERENCE

PRESIDING: Chief Judge David R. Herndon

DATE: January 21, 2010

PLACE: East St. Louis, Illinois

COURT REPORTER: Laura Blatz

COURTROOM DEPUTY: Sandy Pannier

COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF: Mark Niemeyer, Roger Denton, Michael Burg
(See additional listing attached - does not include all attys. present)

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANTS: Adam Heoflich

TIME: 1:10 PM - 1:30 PM

The Court notes that most of plaintiffs' steering committee and most of the lead counsel for defendants are present.

The Court met with lead and liaison counsel prior to this hearing. Court notes that it is very impressed with the hard work that the representatives from both sides have been pursuing to make sure this litigation moves along expeditiously and the rights of all litigants are well protected.

With regard to the Case Management Orders, Mr. Heoflich advises the Court the parties continue to work on several pretrial Case Management Orders. Progress has been made in this regard and they will provide several to the court next week. Mr. Niemeyer advises the Court that many of the Case Management Orders deal with early discovery phases. The parties are working to see if they can come to an agreement on direct filing.

The Court is advised that the discussion with class action counsel is on going.

Regarding discovery - the defendants have provided well over 1,000,000 pages of discovery and they believe it is going extremely well so far. They are dealing with producing documents first and hope to begin depositions by early Fall and move forward and get agreed upon scope of discovery completed this year. Expert discovery could move forward by the end of the year.

Michael Burg advises the Court the parties want to move quickly to get documents and hope to have an agreement on dates and will get back to court with dates proposed by both sides when discovery will be completed. Counsel have set up a working meeting over the next few days with counsel present in court today as well as others.

Counsel advise the Court the committee structure has been established and committee chairs designated. Organization of plaintiff counsel is moving expeditiously. Structure is in place.

Date of next conference is Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 1:00 PM.