UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN DIVISION

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COLIBRI HEART VALVE LLC, Plaintiff,

VS.

MEDTRONIC COREVALVE LLC et al.,
Defendants.

Case No.: SA CV 20-00847-DOC-JDE

SCHEDULING ORDER & ORDER RE: PRETRIAL AND TRIAL PROCEDURES

Fact Discovery Cut-Off:

Jan. 25, 2021

Motion Cut-Off:

Aug. 2, 2021 @ 8:30 AM

Final Pretrial Conference:

Aug. 30, 2021 @ 8:30 AM

Jury Trial:

Sept. 14, 2021 @ 8:30 AM

This Scheduling Order governs the course of all pretrial and trial proceedings in this case. For further guidance, consult the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules.

I. Court Appearances

Parties shall be represented at all court appearances by lead counsel, the counsel expected to be in charge of conducting trial on behalf of the parties. The parties (or counsel) must appear in person for hearings and conferences before the Court. The Court does not permit telephonic appearances.

Under no circumstances should counsel, or a party if the party is appearing *pro se*, fail to appear at a court appearance unless their appearance has been waived by prior order of the Court. Even if the parties have reached a settlement, counsel for all parties, or the party if appearing *pro se*, must appear at court appearances until a stipulation of dismissal signed by all



II. Settlement

If the parties have agreed to appear before a neutral selected from the Court's Mediation Panel (ADR Procedure No. 2) or to participate in private mediation (ADR Procedure No. 3), the parties shall notify the Court of the name and contact information of the mediator within twenty-one (21) days of this Order if they have not already done so in their Rule 26(f) report.

If settlement is reached at any time in this litigation, the parties shall immediately notify the Court by telephone, email, or by filing a notice of settlement. Local Rule 40-2. The Court's Courtroom Deputy Clerk can be reached at (714) 338-4543. The Court's email address is DOC_Chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov.

III. Joinder of Parties and Amendment of Pleadings

All motions to join other parties (including Doe or Roe defendants) or to amend the pleadings shall be filed and served within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order and noticed for hearing within ninety (90) days of this Order.

IV. Discovery Cut-Off

The Court has established a cut-off date for discovery in this action. All discovery is to be completed on, or prior to, the cut-off date. Plan now to complete discovery on the schedule set; a continuance is *unlikely*. Accordingly, the following discovery schedule shall apply in this Court:

- (1) <u>Depositions</u>: All depositions shall be scheduled to commence at least five (5) working days prior to the discovery cut-off date. A deposition which commences five (5) days prior to the discovery cut-off date may continue beyond the cut-off date, as necessary.
- (2) <u>Written Discovery</u>: All interrogatories, requests for production of documents, and requests for admissions shall be served at least forty-five (45) days before the discovery cut-off date. The Court will not approve stipulations between counsel that permit responses to be served after the cut-off date except in unusual circumstances and upon a showing of good cause.



- (3) <u>Discovery Motions</u>: Any motion regarding the inadequacy of responses to discovery must be filed and served no later than five (5) days after the discovery cut-off date. Routine discovery motions will be referred to the magistrate judge assigned to the case. Whenever possible, the Court expects counsel to resolve discovery disputes among themselves in a courteous, reasonable, and professional manner. Repeated resort to the Court for guidance in discovery is unnecessary and may result in the Court appointing a Special Master at the joint expense of the parties to resolve discovery disputes. The Court expects that counsel will strictly adhere to the Civility and Professional Guidelines adopted by the United States District Court for the Central District of California.
- (4) <u>Disclosure of Expert Testimony</u>: The above discovery cutoff date includes expert discovery, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, and the Court orders the sequence of disclosures as provided by Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 26(a)(2)(D), unless the parties otherwise stipulate in writing and obtain the Court's approval.

V. Protective Orders and Under Seal Filings

All protective orders are to be noticed before the magistrate judge assigned to your case, unless otherwise ordered by Court.

Stipulated Protective orders or confidentiality orders generally do not control under seal filings. Applications for under seal filings must state with specificity the basis for protection and should not rely exclusively on the existence of a protective order. See Judge Carter's Initial Standing Order for more information.

VI. Motions Generally

Counsel should note the timing and service requirements of Local Rules 6 and 7 and its subparts including:

(1) Rule 6-1: Notice of motion and the moving papers must be filed and served twenty-eight (28) days before the noticed hearing date, unless the notice is served by mail, in which case service is required thirty-one (31) days prior to the noticed



- (2) Rule 7-9: Opposing papers shall be filed twenty-one (21) calendar days before the hearing date; and
- (3) Rule 7-10: Reply papers, if any, shall be filed fourteen (14) calendar days before the hearing date.
- (4) Rule 7-11: If the hearing date is continued, the deadlines for filing opposing and reply papers are automatically extended unless the Court orders otherwise.

Counsel must comply with the timing requirements of the Local Rules so that chambers can properly prepare for motion matters.

VII. Motions for Summary Judgment

The motion cut-off date is the day that the Court will hear motions for summary judgment. Thus, motions must be filed several weeks in advance of this date as required by Local Rule 6.

In general, the Court will hear only one motion for summary judgment per party. Cross motions for summary judgment will all be heard on the same day, after the close of discovery. In other words, the Court will not entertain piecemeal motions for partial summary judgment before the factual record is complete.

All motions (except motions *in limine* dealing with admissibility of evidence) must be disposed of before the Final Pretrial Conference.

A. Moving Party's Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law

The uncontroverted facts shall be set forth in a two column format. The left hand column shall set forth the allegedly undisputed fact. The right hand column shall set forth the evidence that supports the factual statement. The fact statements shall be set forth in sequentially numbered rows. Each cell should contain a narrowly focused statement of fact, and address a single subject in as concise a manner as possible.

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SUF #/ Undisputed Fact	Evidence
#1 (Moving party's first undisputed fact)	(citations to supporting evidence)
#2 (Moving party's second undisputed fact)	(citations to supporting evidence)

B. Opposing Party's Statement of Genuine Disputes of Material Fact

The first part of the opposing party's Statement of Genuine Disputes shall track the moving party's Statement of Uncontroverted Facts. It shall be set forth in a two column format. The left hand column shall restate the allegedly undisputed fact and supporting evidence, and the right hand column shall state either that the fact is undisputed or disputed. The opposing party may dispute all or only a portion of the allegedly undisputed fact, but if disputing only a portion, the opposing party must specify clearly what portion is being disputed.

To demonstrate that a fact is disputed, the opposing party shall briefly state why it disputes the moving party's allegedly undisputed fact, cite to the relevant exhibit or other evidence controverting the allegedly undisputed fact, and describe what it is in that exhibit or evidence that controverts the allegedly undisputed fact.

If the opposing party objects to the evidence supporting an allegedly undisputed fact, the party shall state in the right hand column the presence of that objection, by simply stating "Evidentiary Objection." The specific grounds of each objection should be included in a separate table.

No legal argument shall be set forth in this document.

The opposing party may also specify additional material facts that bear on or relate to the issues raised by the moving party, which shall follow the same two column format described above for the moving party's Statement of Uncontroverted Facts. These additional facts shall continue in sequentially numbered paragraphs (i.e., if the moving party's last allegedly undisputed fact was set forth as ¶ 30, then the first new allegedly undisputed fact specified by the opposing party shall be set forth as ¶ 31).



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