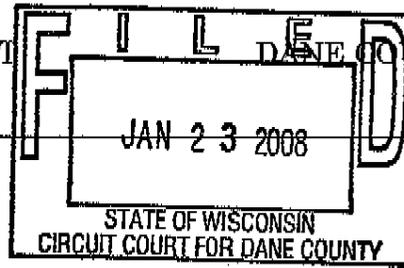


STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT
BRANCH 9

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 04-CV-1709

ABBOTT LABORATORIES, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER FOLLOWING DECEMBER 20, 2007 STATUS CONFERENCE

The Court having been briefly apprised by the parties of the status of this matter at a conference held on the afternoon of December 20, 2007, the following schedule is hereby ordered and adopted:

1. Fact Discovery. Fact discovery of Defendant(s) scheduled to begin trial on February 2, 2009, and fact discovery of Plaintiff by those Defendant(s), shall be complete on or before December 2, 2008. Fact discovery of all remaining Defendants, and fact discovery of Plaintiff by those Defendants, shall be complete sixty (60) days prior to their trial date or December 2, 2009, whichever is earlier.

2. Time to Amend Pleadings. Within 60 days of filing the parties' Stipulation Regarding the Identity of the Proper Defendant and Target Drugs,¹ the parties shall exchange among themselves any proposed amendments to the current pleadings. The parties shall then have two weeks from the date of receipt of any proposed amendments to object in writing to the party proposing the amendment. All stipulated amendments may be

¹ This Stipulation is defined in ¶ 1 of the "[Proposed] Scheduling Order" submitted to the Court on December 19, 2007. The parties already have agreed to the language in ¶ 1 of the proposed order.

served and filed without leave of this Court. Any party wanting to amend over objection must move the Court for leave to amend for cause.

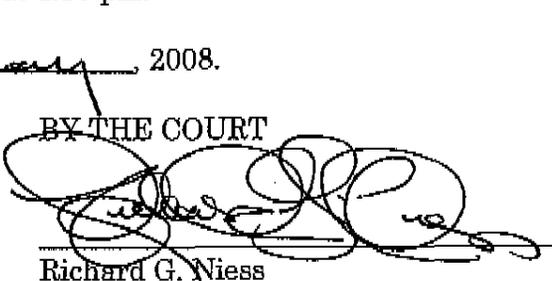
3. Additional Meet & Confer on Proposed Scheduling Order. The parties shall meet & confer on further revision to their previously submitted "[Proposed] Scheduling Order" consistent with Paragraphs 1 & 2 above, and submit the revised order and any areas of disagreement to the Court for review no later than three (3) days before the next status conference.

4. Summary Judgment Responses. Defendants against whom no summary judgment motions are pending may depart from the Court's standing summary judgment order. Instead, Defendants may submit a response along the lines of an amicus brief. Defendants are entitled to 40 pages of argument in opposition and an additional 40 pages for any affirmative summary judgment motion as long as the arguments do not overlap those presented in Defendants' opposition.

5. Next Status Conference. The next status conference shall be held by telephonic conference on January 23, 2008 at 1:00 pm.

Dated this 23 day of January, 2008.

BY THE COURT


Richard G. Niess
Dane County Circuit Court Judge