

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION**

**IN RE BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.,) Master File No. IP 00-9373-C B/S
ATX, ATX II and WILDERNESS TIRES) MDL Docket No. 1373
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION)**

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL ACTIONS

ENTRY FOR MARCH 8, 2001

Plaintiffs and defendants Ford Motor Company and Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., appeared by counsel this date for a discovery conference with the magistrate judge, during which the following was determined:

1. The parties shall attempt to resolve among themselves the issues raised in their submissions regarding electronic data preservation and document depository protocol. The parties shall notify the magistrate judge by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2001, whether they have reached agreements; in the event that they have not, the magistrate judge will enter her order resolving the outstanding issues at that time.
2. All discovery regarding and briefing of the pending motion to dismiss on forum non conveniens grounds is **SUSPENDED** until April 11, 2001, at which time a new schedule will be entered.
3. Firestone shall file its response to the plaintiffs' motion to expedite discovery of its electronic adjustment data by **Wednesday, March 14, 2001**; plaintiffs shall file their reply by **Monday, March 19, 2001**.

In addition, the magistrate judge wishes to bring another issue to counsel's attention. The

Court's Order Regarding Practice and Procedure Upon Transfer, dated November 1, 2000, contained the following provision:

A distribution list should not be included on documents filed in this court; rather a certificate of service stating that all attorneys appearing on the Panel Attorney Service List (i.e., liaison counsel) were served is sufficient.

This provision, which was intended to save paper and space in the Court's file, has not been complied with consistently.¹ The magistrate judge expects that counsel will heed this provision from this point forward. In the event that parties other than those which appear on the Panel Attorney Service List are served with a given document, the certification of service filed with the Court shall not list those attorneys, but shall indicate only that liaison counsel "and others" were served.

ENTERED this _____ day of March 2001. Copies to:

V. Sue Shields
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of Indiana

Distribution to Liaison Counsel for all parties

¹A recent filing chosen at random provides an example: the filing consists of seven pages of argument and a twelve-page certification of service.