

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

**In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.,** ) **Master File No. IP 00-9373-C-B/S**  
**TIRES PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION** ) **MDL NO. 1373**  
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**THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL** ) )  
**ACTIONS** ) )

**ENTRY FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2001**

The parties appeared, by counsel, this date for a telephonic conference, during which the following was discussed and determined:

1. Firestone has not obtained discovery related to the forum non conveniens issue in six cases in which Mike Eidson represents the plaintiffs. Mr. Eidson reports that he expects to move to dismiss these six cases prior to November 30, 2001, due to problems with client communication.
2. Firestone also reported that it has not received complete, verified responses to its discovery requests in some of the cases in which Victor Diaz represents the plaintiffs. Mr. Diaz is in the process of obtaining the remaining responses, and will provide them to Firestone promptly. In addition, Mr. Diaz will obtain declarations from his clients pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 in lieu of verification.
3. The plaintiffs request, without objection from defendants, an extension of time to respond to Ford's motions in the personal injury cases regarding the availability of punitive damages under Michigan law. All of plaintiffs' responses to those motions shall be filed by **November 30, 2001**. Plaintiffs' liaison counsel shall be responsible for informing all personal injury plaintiffs' attorneys regarding this extension. Ford shall file its reply by **December 17, 2001**.
4. Ford reports that it is still in the process of determining the availability of the suspension kits which the plaintiffs have requested. Ford shall report
5. The magistrate judge will hold another telephonic pretrial conference on **Thursday, November 8, 2001, at 1:00 p.m.** to discuss additional discovery and case management issues. Counsel for the personal injury plaintiffs shall make arrangements for the call and notify the court and all other parties regarding those arrangements.

ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November 2001.

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

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