

**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
_____)
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL)
ACTIONS)

ENTRY FOR MARCH 20, 2002

In order to address the concerns raised by counsel for plaintiffs in numerous Texas state court cases involving the same subject matter as this MDL proceeding, the interested parties agree to modify the previously established schedule for the deposition of William Clay Ford, Jr., which is scheduled for March 27-28, 2002. The schedule as agreed upon by the parties is as follows:

1. The state court plaintiffs will have nine hours to conduct their direct examination, to be divided as follows:
 - a. 6.5 hours for the Texas plaintiffs (including the Texas Ford dealers)
 - b. 1.5 hours for the Arizona, Florida, and Tennessee plaintiffs; and
 - c. 1 hour for the California plaintiffs.
2. The MDL plaintiffs will have three hours to conduct their direct examination, which will be divided equally between the class action plaintiffs and the personal injury plaintiffs.
3. Firestone will have one hour to conduct its direct examination.
4. Ford waives its time for cross examination.
5. All of the plaintiffs, both state and MDL, will have 1 hour total for redirect.

In addition, Ford has agreed that the deposition may take place at a mutually agreeable facility in Detroit, Michigan, rather than at Ford's corporate headquarters as previously ordered.

The magistrate judge commends all of the parties for their cooperation in resolving this matter.

ENTERED this _____ day of March 2002.

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

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