

**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 REGARDING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES IN  
FOREIGN ACCIDENT CASES**

The magistrate judge determines that it is the appropriate time to begin scheduling settlement conferences in the “first wave” foreign accident cases in this MDL. To that end, she has set aside the following dates: July 15-18 and August 7-9. The magistrate judge wishes to begin with those cases in which the plaintiffs are represented by Victor Diaz and Mike Eidson, inasmuch as they are involved in the vast majority of the foreign accident cases. The schedule will accommodate two cases per day (or, more specifically, the cases relating to two accidents each day), one to begin at 9:00 a.m. and the other to begin at 1:30 p.m. Counsel will choose which cases they wish to schedule for this first round of settlement conferences; counsel and their clients will be required to attend these settlement conferences in person.

The schedule shall proceed as follows:

1. July 15<sup>th</sup>: Two cases (or accidents) in which the plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Eidson, one selected by Mr. Eidson and the other selected by counsel for Firestone.
2. July 16<sup>th</sup>: Two cases (or accidents) in which the plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Eidson, one selected by Mr. Eidson and the other selected by counsel for Ford.
3. July 17<sup>th</sup>: Two cases (or accidents) in which the plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Diaz, one selected by Mr. Diaz and the other selected by counsel for Firestone.

4. July 18<sup>th</sup>: Two cases (or accidents) in which the plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Diaz, one selected by Mr. Diaz and the other selected by counsel for Ford.
5. August 7<sup>th</sup>: Two cases in which the plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Diaz, one selected by Mr. Diaz and the other selected by counsel for Firestone.
6. August 8<sup>th</sup>: Two cases in which the plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Diaz, one selected by Mr. Diaz and the other selected by counsel for Ford.
7. August 9<sup>th</sup>: Two cases in which the plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Diaz, one selected by Mr. Diaz and the other selected by counsel for Firestone.

The parties shall provide the magistrate judge with the list of cases they have chosen for each of the July dates by **July 1, 2002**, and the list of cases they have chosen for each of the August dates by **July 25, 2002**.

ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June 2002.

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

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