

**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 AUGUST 16, 2002

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

1. The parties presented their arguments regarding the defendants' motions to extend various expert deadlines in the First Wave foreign accident cases. The magistrate judge has resolved these motions by separate orders.
2. Victor Diaz, counsel for plaintiffs, stipulated that the depositions of each of the defendants' experts at issue in the defendants' motions to extend will be conducted after the depositions of the related plaintiffs' witnesses at issue in the same motions, so that the defendants' experts will have all relevant information available to them before they are deposed.
3. The parties agreed to confer this afternoon and attempt to resolve the issue of the appropriate expert witness fee rate for the Venezuelan doctors testifying in this case.
4. The parties will confer regarding the appropriate deadline for resolving *Daubert* issues and report to the magistrate judge regarding their discussions during the next discovery conference.
5. The magistrate judge instructs the parties to confer and decide upon five Venezuelan cases which can be readied for remand and trial as quickly as possible.

The parties will identify these cases during the next discovery conference.

6. The parties report that they will confer and arrive at a schedule for the case-specific expert witness depositions in the foreign accident cases.
7. The next telephonic discovery conference is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. Counsel for Ford shall arrange the call and shall inform liaison counsel and the magistrate judge of the arrangements.

ENTERED this _____ day of August 2002.

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

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