

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

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In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC., ) Master File No. IP 00-9373-C-B/S  
TIRES PRODUCTS LIABILITY ) MDL No. 1373  
LITIGATION ) (centralized before Hon. Sarah Evans  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) Barker, Judge)  
)  
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL )  
ACTIONS )

**NOTICE REGARDING FUTURE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES**

The Court issues this notice to advise counsel and litigants in this Multidistrict Litigation of its continued willingness to conduct settlement conferences in the personal injury/wrongful death cases. This judge as well as the magistrate judge have already conducted more than a few such conferences. Henceforth, the Court will conduct settlement conferences under the following circumstances: (1) discovery has been completed, including service of expert reports;<sup>1</sup> and (2) a settlement conference has been requested by counsel for one of the parties.<sup>2</sup> The Court will consider timely objections, if any,<sup>3</sup> to the Court's conducting a settlement conference.

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<sup>1</sup>Depositions of experts need not have been completed in advance of the settlement conference.

<sup>2</sup>Requests may be made by written motion or by communication with the Magistrate Judge's staff or with the Special Master.

<sup>3</sup>If the request for settlement conference was made by written motion, any objection shall be filed within ten days of the motion. In all other cases, any objection shall be filed within ten days of the

It is so ORDERED this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2003.

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SARAH EVANS BARKER, JUDGE  
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Southern District of Indiana

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Court's order setting the conference.