

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: BLUE BUFFALO COMPANY, LTD.) MDL NO. 2562 RWS
MARKETING AND SALES PRACTICES LITIGATION) ALL CASES

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER - TRACK 3: COMPLEX

Pursuant to the Civil Justice Reform Act Expense and Delay Reduction Plan and the Differentiated Case Management Program of the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Missouri, and the Rule 16 Conference held on **February 24, 2015**,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following schedule shall apply in this case, and will be modified only upon a showing of exceptional circumstances:

I. SCHEDULING PLAN

1. This case has been assigned to Track 3 (Complex).
2. All motions for joinder of additional parties or amendment of pleadings shall be filed no later than **July 15, 2015**.
3. Disclosure shall proceed in the following manner:
 - (a) The parties shall make all disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1), Fed.R.Civ.P., no later than **March 10, 2015**.
 - (b) Plaintiff shall disclose all expert witnesses regarding class certification and shall provide the reports required by Rule 26(a)(2), Fed.R.Civ.P., no later than **July 22, 2015**, and shall make class certification expert witnesses available for depositions, and have depositions completed, no later than **August 28, 2015**.
 - (c) Defendant shall disclose all expert witnesses regarding class certification and shall provide the reports required by Rule 26(a)(2), Fed.R.Civ.P., no later than **September 22, 2015**, and shall make class certification expert witnesses available for depositions, and have depositions completed, no later than **October 13, 2015**.
 - (d) Plaintiffs' brief in support of class certification must be filed no later than **July 22, 2015**. Opposition briefs shall be filed no later than **September 22, 2015** and any reply brief may be filed no later than **October 27, 2015**.

(e) The presumptive limits of ten (10) depositions per side as set forth in Rule 30(a)(2)(A), Fed.R.Civ.P., and twenty-five (25) interrogatories per party as set forth in Rule 33(a), Fed.R.Civ.P., shall apply.

(f) Plaintiff shall disclose all trial expert witnesses and shall provide the reports required by Rule 26(a)(2), Fed.R.Civ.P., no later than **November 3, 2015**, and shall make trial expert witnesses available for depositions, and have depositions completed, no later than **December 1, 2015**.

(g) Defendant shall disclose all trial expert witnesses and shall provide the reports required by Rule 26(a)(2), Fed.R.Civ.P., no later than **December 22, 2015**, and shall make trial expert witnesses available for depositions, and have depositions completed, no later than **January 26, 2016**.

(h) The parties shall complete all discovery in this case no later than **February 19, 2016**.

(i) Motions to compel shall be pursued in a diligent and timely manner, but in no event filed more than eleven (11) days following the discovery deadline set out above.

4. Any motions to dismiss, for summary judgment, motions for judgment on the pleadings, or Daubert or Kumho Tire motions, must be filed no later than **February 24, 2016**. Opposition briefs shall be filed no later than **April 22, 2016** and any reply brief may be filed no later than **May 13, 2016**.

No later than twenty-one (21) days preceding the deadline for completion of discovery, any party may request **in a written motion** that the Court hold a supplemental conference to discuss issues of scheduling and management of the action. **WHETHER TO GRANT SUCH A REQUEST IS A MATTER FOR THE COURT'S DISCRETION.**

II. ORDER RELATING TO TRIAL

This action is set for a **JURY** trial on **October 11, 2016**, at **9:00 a.m.** This is a **three** week docket.

Pursuant to Local Rule 8.04 the court may tax against one or all parties the per diem, mileage, and other expenses of providing a jury for the parties, when the case is terminated or settled by the parties at a time too late to cancel the jury attendance or to use the summoned jurors in another trial, unless good cause for the delayed termination or settlement is shown.

In this case, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the attorneys shall, not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date set for trial:

1. **Stipulation:** Meet and jointly prepare and file with the Clerk a JOINT Stipulation of all uncontested facts, which may be read into evidence subject to any objections of any party

set forth in said stipulation (including a brief summary of the case which may be used on Voir Dire).

2. Witnesses:

(a) Deliver to opposing counsel, and to the Clerk, a list of all proposed witnesses, identifying those witnesses who will be called to testify and those who may be called.

(b) Except for good cause shown, no party will be permitted to call any witnesses not listed in compliance with this Order.

3. Exhibits:

(a) Mark for identification all exhibits to be offered in evidence at the trial (Plaintiffs to use Arabic numerals and defendants to use letters, e.g., Pltf-1, Deft.-A, or Pltf Jones-1, Deft Smith-A, if there is more than one plaintiff or defendant), and deliver to opposing counsel and to the Clerk a list of such exhibits, identifying those that will be introduced into evidence and those that may be introduced. The list shall clearly indicate for each business record whether the proponent seeks to authenticate the business record by affidavit or declaration pursuant to Fed.R.Evid. 902(11) or 902(12).

(b) Submit said exhibits or true copies thereof, and copies of all affidavits or declarations pursuant to Fed.R.Evid. 902(11) or 902(12), to opposing counsel for examination. Prior to trial, the parties shall stipulate which exhibits may be introduced without objection or preliminary identification, and shall file written objections to all other exhibits.

(c) Except for good cause shown, no party will be permitted to offer any exhibits not identified or not submitted by said party for examination by opposing counsel in compliance with this Order. Any objections not made in writing at least ten (10) days prior to trial may be considered waived.

4. Depositions, Interrogatory Answers, and Request for Admissions:

(a) Deliver to opposing counsel and to the Clerk a list of all interrogatory answers or parts thereof and depositions or parts thereof (identified by page and line numbers), and answers to requests for admissions proposed to be offered in evidence. At least ten (10) days before trial, opposing counsel shall state in writing any objections to such testimony and shall identify any additional portions of such depositions not listed by the offering party which opposing counsel proposes to offer.

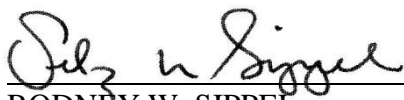
(b) Except for good cause shown, no party will be permitted to offer any interrogatory answer, or deposition or part thereof, or answer to a request for admissions not listed in compliance with this Order. Any objections not made as above required may be considered waived.

5. **Instructions:** Submit to the Court and to opposing counsel their written request for instructions and forms of verdicts reserving the right to submit requests for additional or modified instructions at least ten (10) days before trial in light of opposing party's requests for instructions. (Each request must be supported by at least one pertinent citation.)

6. **Trial Brief:** Submit to the Court and opposing counsel a trial brief stating the legal and factual issues and authorities relied on and discussing any anticipated substantive or procedural problems.

7. **Motions In Limine:** File all motions in limine to exclude evidence, and submit a courtesy copy directly to the Court's chambers, at least ten (10) days before trial.

Failure to comply with any part of this order may result in the imposition of sanctions.



RODNEY W. SIPPEL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 24th day of February, 2015.