

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

**IN RE: ST. JUDE MEDICAL, INC.,** : **MDL DOCKET NO. 1396**  
**SILZONE HEART VALVES PRODUCTS :**  
**LIABILITY LITIGATION** :  
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**THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL** :  
**CASES** :

**Status Conference  
August 27, 2002, 12:30 p.m. (Central Time)**

**AGENDA**

1. Informal Meeting with Canadian Class Counsel
2. Status of Merits Discovery
  - A. Plaintiffs' Request for Release of Pathology Slides to Plaintiffs' Experts
  - B. Spire Depositions: Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel Certain Testimony
  - C. Deposition Schedule
  - D. Third Party Subpoenas/Sulzer Subpoena/Confidentiality Designations
3. Preemption Discovery Submissions/Preemption Motion Schedule
4. Status of Pre-Trial Orders:
  - A. Scheduling Order re Case-Specific Fact Discovery and Other Matters
  - B. Proposed Protocol for Designation and Deposition of Generic Experts
5. Coordination with Ramsey County SJM Silzone Litigation and Other State Litigation
6. Update re Case Filings/Case List
7. Report on Status of Canadian Class Action
8. Report of State Liaison Counsel
9. Class Certification Briefing & Protocol for Class Certification Hearing
10. Next Hearing: Class Certification Motion Hearing, September 10, 2002
11. Miscellaneous, Urgent, and Last-Minute Items

