**STIPULATION OF LEAD COUNSEL RE:**

**MDL Transcripts Intended to be Placed on Court’s External Website**

Plaintiffs’ Lead Counsel and the Defendant’s Lead Counsel have agreed to the following provisions concerning transcripts produced from MDL status conferences and other hearings that relate to the MDL.

1. A transcript will be produced from every MDL status conference and MDL hearing. The parties do not need to submit a transcript request form to have a transcript produced of these proceedings.
2. The parties agree to pay the court reporter for their share of the transcript costs immediately upon receipt of the transcript.
3. The court reporter will deliver the transcript to \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Plaintiffs and \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Defendant within two hours after the proceeding and will charge the hourly transcript rate plus one copy, with the costs to be split between the Plaintiffs and Defendant.
	1. [Please indicate here if the Plaintiffs or Defendants also request additional copies in the form of ASCII, PDF, or other versions.]
4. If the court reporter is unable to deliver the transcript within two hours after the proceeding, the court reporter will charge the transcript rate, plus one copy, based on when the transcript was actually delivered, and any additional requested copies.
5. Parties agree that at MDL status conferences and other MDL hearings, they will avoid discussing personal identifiers on the court record.
	1. If a party believes that personal identifiers were mentioned during such proceedings, the party must file a [Notice of Intent to Request Redaction](http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/FORMS/Clerks_Office/noticeintenttoredact.pdf) in the case immediately after the proceeding to request an opportunity to redact the transcript.
	2. If a party requests an opportunity to redact the transcript, a [Statement of Redaction](http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/FORMS/Clerks_Office/stmtredaction.pdf) must be filed in the case within two days after the transcript is delivered.
	3. This expedited redaction request process will take the place of the redaction procedures outlined in LR 5.5.
6. The court reporter will have a copy of the transcript uploaded to the Court’s external website on the appropriate MDL page within:
	1. One business day of delivering the transcript if no party requests an opportunity to redact the transcript; or
	2. Within one business day after a Statement of Redaction is filed.
7. Parties must follow the general transcript request [procedure](http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/cmecf/tr-ordering.shtml) for any proceeding concerning an individual case within the MDL.

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