

MINUTE ENTRY
FALLON, J.
November 28, 2000

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

IN RE: PROPULSID : MDL NO. 1355
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION : SECTION "L"
..... : JUDGE FALLON
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES:

A status conference for Liaison Counsel was held in Chambers on this date at 8:30 a.m. In attendance were Russ M. Herman, Daniel E. Becnel, Jr., David Buchanan and Leonard Davis for Plaintiffs, and James B. Irwin for Defendants. The meeting was recorded by Karen Anderson Ibos. At the conference, the Court advised counsel of the establishment of a Court website designated for the exclusive purpose of this multidistrict litigation which is located at <http://propulsid.laed.uscourts.gov>. Furthermore, after conferring with counsel, the Court made the following rulings:

The pretrial status conference scheduled for December 21, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. is hereby RESCHEDULED to December 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of Judge Eldon E. Fallon (Room 468).

Counsel for both parties shall meet with selected vendors on December 7, 2000 and

December 8, 2000 in the courtroom of Judge Eldon E. Fallon for the purpose of selecting a vendor to create a virtual document depository for this multidistrict litigation.

Counsel expressed some disagreement over the appropriate format and coding for the production of documents, as well as the nature and type of electronic documents to be produced. Accordingly, counsel are directed to meet and confer on the issue of the format and coding for producing discovery documents, as well as the nature and type of electronic documents in question. Any issues remaining unresolved should be presented in a motion to be filed with the Court within the next 30 days.

Previous pretrial orders directed the Clerk of Court to provide hard copies of pretrial orders to counsel who come before the Court representing a newly removed, transferred, or consolidated case. With the creation of the Court's website for MDL No. 1355 which posts pretrial orders, it is no longer necessary for the Clerk to provide pretrial orders in hard copy. Newly added counsel may henceforth obtain all pretrial orders from the Court's website for MDL No. 1355 located at <http://propulsid.laed.uscourts.gov>.