

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE: STRYKER LFIT V40 FEMORAL HEAD *
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION *

MDL No. 17-md-2768-IT

This Document Relates To: *

All Cases *

MDL Order No. 6

(Attendance and Participation of Counsel by Telephone)

May 1, 2017

TALWANI, D.J.

This order is intended to govern the attendance and participation of counsel by telephone in any court proceedings in this matter.

1. Only counsel who have filed a Notice of MDL Appearance on the master MDL docket 17-md-2768, as required in paragraph 2 of MDL Order No. 3 (Concerning Appearances of Counsel) [17-md-2768, #5], may participate by telephone in a court proceeding in this matter.

2. The court shall host the conference line for the initial status conference on May 16, 2017, at 3:00 PM. Counsel who wish to attend the initial status conference by telephone should notify the courtroom clerk reasonably in advance of the proceeding. There are a limited number of lines available for dial-in access. Counsel are encouraged to dial into the call early to secure a line.

3. Counsel attending by telephone will not be permitted to speak during the proceeding unless called upon or recognized by the court. Counsel who wish to address a particular issue by telephone should endeavor to notify the court in writing reasonably in advance of the proceeding, so that the court can recognize counsel at an appropriate time.

4. Counsel attending by telephone shall minimize background noise and other interference during the call. Counsel should normally mute their telephones, so that they can hearing the proceeding but other participants will not hear any unwanted noise or interference. Counsel shall not place the call on hold once connected to the conference line.

5. Once Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel is appointed, Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel shall host the conference line for any court proceedings in this matter. Counsel who wish to attend by telephone shall notify Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel reasonably in advance of the proceeding. Plaintiff's Lead Counsel shall prepare and submit to the court a list of counsel appearing by telephone at or reasonably in advance of the proceeding.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: May 1, 2017

/s/ Indira Talwani
United States District Judge