

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

AMGEN, INC., et al., :  
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 Plaintiffs, :  
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 v. : Civil Action No. 14-1317-RGA  
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 SANOFI, et al., :  
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 Defendants. :

**ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL MASTER**

WHEREAS, by order dated December 4, 2014, the Court revised the scope and administration of the Special Master Panel for complex cases; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the goals and needs expressed in the referenced order, the Court concludes that the appointment of a Special Master is warranted in the above-captioned case;

NOW THEREFORE, this 1 day of August, 2018, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Scope of duties.** Yvonne T. Saville, Esquire, is appointed as Special Master to manage discovery.
- 2. Discovery.** As required by Rule 53(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Ms. Saville shall proceed with all reasonable diligence and, as provided by Rule 53(c), shall have the authority to regulate all proceedings and take all measures necessary to address issues relating to the parties' discovery disputes and rule on same.
- 3. Discovery disputes.** Ms. Saville shall, after consulting with the parties, establish procedures for the handling of discovery disputes. She shall have the duty and authority to require the submission of reports, call conferences, and hold hearings in order to determine the

status of issues relating to discovery and to issue orders requiring the parties to adhere to case management dates set by the Court. She shall hear, resolve and make rulings on all disputes regarding discovery and, when appropriate, enter orders setting forth his rulings.

a. With respect to discovery motions,<sup>1</sup> all such motions (but **not** the related briefing and appendices, if any) shall be filed with the Court.

b. With respect to hearings and conferences, they shall be held in this District's Courthouse or other appropriate place arranged by Ms. Saville or by the parties, with the approval of Ms. Saville. If the Courthouse is used, Ms. Saville shall arrange for a courtroom through the Clerk's Office (Beth Mason at 302.573.6170).

c. Absent agreement among the parties, all hearings shall be transcribed by a certified court reporter. Ms. Saville may arrange for a court reporter through Leonard Dibbs, at 302.573.6195, who shall be given one week's notice of any scheduled hearings absent emergency circumstances. Absent an order by Ms. Saville, the parties shall bear equally the costs of the court reporter and transcript.

d. Ms. Saville shall preserve all materials she receives or prepares in connection with any dispute regarding discovery. She shall not be required to file any such materials with the Court, unless directed to do so by the Court, except that the following shall be filed: (1) any transcripts that contain her rulings from the bench; (2) orders entered setting forth her rulings; and (3) any opinions prepared supporting her rulings. All such papers shall be filed with the Court through Ms. Saville and docketed by chambers staff.

**4. Ex parte communications.** Ms. Saville shall not communicate ex parte with a party

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<sup>1</sup>Only the formal motion itself must be docketed with the Court. All other discovery materials should be lodged only with Ms. Saville, consistent with ¶ 6 *infra*.

without the consent of all parties. She may communicate ex parte with the Court.

5. **Confidential information.** Ms. Saville may have access to trade secrets, proprietary information or other confidential information in this action including, but not limited to, information which may be subject to a protective order. Ms. Saville and other persons assisting her shall preserve and protect the confidentiality of all such information and, if required to file any orders, findings, opinions or materials that contain or make reference to any such information (including, but not limited to, information designated “Confidential,” “For Attorneys Eyes Only” and/or “Sensitive Superconfidential”), she shall file the same under seal.

6. **Appeals.** Ms. Saville’s rulings shall be subject to review by the Court, consistent with Rule 53(f). In this regard, unless otherwise ordered: (a) the **parties may serve, file and docket** with the Court specific written objections (and responses thereto) to any of Ms. Saville’s rulings;<sup>2</sup> (b) the objections shall be filed no later than 21 days after being served with a copy of the ruling, and the responses thereto shall be filed within ten (10) days after being served with a copy of the objections; (c) the objections and responses to the objections are limited to ten (10) pages each; and (d) the **parties must serve, file and docket** with the Court (as well as provide to the Judge to whom the case is assigned a courtesy copy of) any relevant portion of the record made before Ms. Saville which pertains specifically to the objections.<sup>3</sup>

7. **Compensation.** Ms. Saville shall be compensated for her services at her usual hourly rate. Others assisting her shall be compensated at their usual hourly rates. Ms. Saville shall send itemized statements for services and expenses directly to counsel for the parties on a monthly basis, and shall receive payment directly from counsel for the parties in a timely fashion. The compensation and expenses of Ms. Saville shall, unless otherwise ordered, be shared equally by

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<sup>2</sup>Counsel shall docket using the “objections” and “response to objections” docket events.

<sup>3</sup>Counsel shall docket separately as an appendix using the “appendix” docket event.

the parties (that is, 50% by Plaintiff and 50% by Defendant(s)). In this regard, if (in Ms. Saville's opinion) a party engages in behavior which occasions the waste of her time and resources, or otherwise hinders the efficient resolution of matters before her, that party may be apportioned all or a larger portion of Ms. Seville's compensation, costs, and expenses. Any objections or disputes as to Ms. Seville's compensation, costs, and/or expenses shall be presented to the Court in a timely application.

  
United States District Judge