

IN CHAMBERS PROCEEDINGS:

The court held a telephone conference with lead and liaison counsel to discuss the upcoming conference. The court raised the following issues:

1. The court inquired whether all counsel involved in the multi-district litigation cases needed to attend the conference scheduled for December 20, 2001. After discussion with counsel the court concluded that it was advisable to have all counsel involved in this multi-district litigation attend the upcoming conference and not to limit attendance.
2. The court inquired of counsel whether the parties had made any provisions for the electronic storage or exchange of discovery documents, and whether the parties intended to form a joint motions committee in the future. To these inquiries the parties essentially agreed that although they believed the issues need not be addressed at this stage in the litigation, they planned on keeping them open for the future.
3. The court discussed with only plaintiffs' counsel several issues concerning the makeup of plaintiffs' committees.