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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**



IN RE: Bard Implanted Port Catheter
Products Liability Litigation

MDL No. 3081

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 14

(Common Benefit Expense Fund)

Pursuant to Case Management Order No. 4 (“CMO 4”), Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel move to establish the Bard IPC Expense Fund (the “Expense Fund”) and appoint Randall L. Sansom, CPA, as escrow agent over the Expense Fund. Doc. 286. The Court will grant the motion.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel’s motion to establish the Expense Fund (Doc. 286) is **granted** as set forth in this Order.
2. The Expense Fund shall be subject to the provisions of CMO 4 (Doc. 88).
3. Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel shall establish the Expense Fund as an interest-bearing expense account, in a federally-insured financial institution, to receive and disburse common benefit funds. *See* Doc. 88 at 13.
4. Randall L. Sansom, CPA, is appointed as escrow agent over the Expense Fund.
5. As escrow agent, Mr. Sansom shall keep detailed records of all deposits and withdrawals from the Expense Fund, prepare tax returns and other tax filings in

1 connection with the Fund, and submit quarterly detailed bills to the Court and to
2 Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel.

3 6. At the direction of the Common Benefit Special Master, Mr. Sansom shall
4 also compile and provide the Common Benefit Special Master with data regarding time,
5 fees, expenses, assessments, and disbursements of common benefit funds as described
6 in CMO 4 and CMO 5 (Doc. 91).

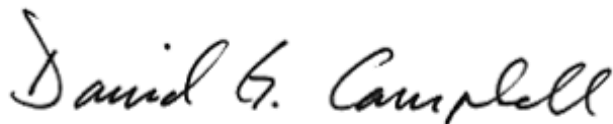
7 7. The following hourly rates shall be charged by the escrow agent and his
8 assistant, who shall be utilized where appropriate to control costs:

- 9 a. Randall L. Sansom, CPA: \$850/hour; and
- 10 b. Sarah Hogan, CPA: \$450/hour.

11 8. The escrow agent's bills shall be paid from the Expense Fund as a Shared
12 Cost.

13 9. Consistent with CMO 4, ¶ V.A, the Court establishes the following "other
14 mechanism" for disbursements from the Expense Fund: Plaintiff's Leadership Counsel
15 may authorize disbursements consistent with CMO 4, § II, subject to recording and
16 review by the CPA and Special Master.

17 Dated this 9th day of January, 2024.

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20 David G. Campbell
21 Senior United States District Judge
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