UNITED STATES JUDICIAL PANEL on MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

IN RE: ROUNDUP PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 2741

TRANSFER ORDER

Before the Panel: Plaintiffs in the Western District of Oklahoma *Aldridge* action listed on Schedule A move under Panel Rule 7.1 to vacate our order that conditionally transferred *Aldridge* to the Northern District of California for inclusion in MDL No. 2471. Defendant Monsanto Company opposes the motion.

After considering the parties' arguments, we find that *Aldridge* involves common questions of fact with the actions transferred to MDL No. 2741, and that transfer under 28 U.S.C. § 1407 will serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses and promote the just and efficient conduct of the litigation. In our order centralizing this litigation, we held that the Northern District of California was an appropriate Section 1407 forum for actions sharing factual questions arising out of allegations that Monsanto's Roundup herbicide, particularly its active ingredient, glyphosate, causes non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. *See In re Roundup Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 214 F. Supp. 3d 1346, 1348 (J.P.M.L. 2016). Like the cases already in the MDL, plaintiffs in *Aldridge* allege that Mr. Aldridge suffers from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma caused by exposure to Roundup herbicide.

In support of their motion to vacate, plaintiffs argue that their pending motion for remand to state court should be decided before transfer. We are not persuaded by this argument. Jurisdictional objections generally do not present an impediment to transfer. See, e.g., In re Prudential Ins. Co. of Am. Sales Pracs. Litig., 170 F. Supp. 2d 1346, 1347–48 (J.P.M.L. 2001) ("[R]emand motions can be presented to and decided by the transferee judge.").

¹ Panel Rule 2.1(d) expressly provides that the pendency of a conditional transfer order does not limit the pretrial jurisdiction of the court in which the subject action is pending. Between the date a remand motion is filed and the date that transfer of the action to the MDL is finalized, a court generally has adequate time to rule on a remand motion if it chooses to do so.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the action listed on Schedule A is transferred to the Northern District of California and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Vince Chhabria for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings.

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SCHEDULE A

Western District of Oklahoma

ALDRIDGE, ET AL. v. THE BAYER CORPORATION, ET AL., C.A. No. 5:24-00831