

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION ) MDL 2804  
OPIATE LITIGATION )  
 ) Case No. 1:17-md-2804  
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: )  
 ) Judge Dan Aaron Polster  
*All MDL Tribal Cases (other than the* )  
*Tribal Bellwether Cases)* ) **SCHEDULING ORDER**

Before the Court is Plaintiffs' Tribal Leadership Committee's Motion to Extend Deadline for Tribes to File Short Form Complaints. **Doc. #: 1440**. The deadline for MDL Plaintiffs to file Short Form Complaints is March 16, 2019.<sup>1</sup> *See* Doc. ##: 1106, 1282. In its motion, Tribal Leadership raise several issues that it asserts are unique to MDL Tribal Plaintiffs.<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, the Court sets the following expedited briefing schedule: If any party opposes the Tribal Leadership's Motion, its Response in Opposition is due by 12:00 PM on 3/25/19. The Tribal Leadership's Reply in Support will then be due by 12:00 PM on 3/29/19. The Court stays the MDL Tribal Plaintiffs deadline to file their Short Form Complaints until a ruling is issued on this Motion.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**/s/ Dan Aaron Polster March 15, 2019**  
**DAN AARON POLSTER**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

<sup>1</sup> March 16, 2019 is a Saturday. Therefore, Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P., Rule 6, the Court will accept Short Form Complaints that are filed on the next business day, Monday, March 18, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> The term "MDL Tribal Plaintiffs" means Plaintiffs in all Tribal MDL Cases except those described in paragraph 2.d of CMO-1 and later identified in CMO-5 and CMO-6. *See* Doc. ##: 232, 666, 770 (*The Muscogee (Creek) Nation v. Purdue Pharma L.P.*, No. 18-OP-45459 (N.D. Ohio); *The Blackfeet Tribe of The Blackfeet Indian Reservation v. AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp.*, No. 18-OP-45749 (N.D. Ohio)).