UNITED STATES JUDICIAL PANEL on MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

AMENDMENT TO THE HEARING SESSION ORDER AND ATTACHED SCHEDULE FILED FEBRUARY 13, 2020

In light of the concerns about the spread of the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) in numerous communities across the country, and the danger for contagion presented by a Panel hearing, which entails numerous attorneys and jurists coming together from across the country, the Panel issues the following orders in connection with its next Hearing Session.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the March 26, 2020, Hearing Session of the Panel will be conducted telephonically at the offices of the United States Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation in Washington, DC, to consider the matters previously set for consideration in Nashville, Tennessee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Panel will consider without oral argument all matters scheduled to be heard at the March 26, 2020, Hearing Session pursuant to Panel Rule 11.1(c), including those matters previously listed for oral argument on Schedule A of the February 13, 2020, Hearing Session Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Panel reserves the prerogative, pending its further review of the scheduled matters, to either schedule oral argument or order supplemental briefing on any topic with respect to motions in MDL Nos. 2929, 2931, 2932, 2933, and 2935 listed on Schedule A of the February 13, 2020, Hearing Session Order. Should the Panel do so, the Panel Clerk shall notify the parties in that matter no later than **March 19, 2020**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if the Panel schedules oral argument in any matter for the March 26, 2020, Hearing Session, such argument shall be presented **telephonically** as directed by the Panel Clerk.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if the Panel orders supplemental briefing in any matter for the March 26, 2020, Hearing Session, the parties shall file their supplemental briefs with the Panel no later than **March 23, 2020**. No extensions of time will be granted. Unless the Panel orders supplemental briefing, briefing remains closed in all matters previously set for oral argument.

¹ The Panel previously dispensed with oral argument in MDL No. 2934 – *In re Joel Snider Litigation*, and the parties have waived oral argument in MDL No. 2930 – *In re Entresto (Sacubitril/Valsartan) Patent Litigation*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, unless the Panel orders otherwise, **no parties or counsel need or shall be permitted to appear at the Hearing Session**.

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