## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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March 12, 2018

## MEMO TO COUNSEL

In re: Smith & Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing (BHR) Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation, MDL 17-MD-2775

## Dear Counsel:

This will confirm the results of our status conference on February 28, 2018.

Each side will provide to the court, without prejudice, a summary letter (no more than five pages), with attached literature, related to the THA device(s) involved in the cases recently assigned to this MDL. This will be filed by March 21, 2018, as well as a proposed agenda for the next status conference.

The next status conference will be held **March 28, 2018**. We will meet in chambers at **9:00 a.m.** and in court at **9:30 a.m.** 

In preparation for the next conference, counsel will continue to discuss how to handle the THA cases and will continue to move forward with discovery on the BHR cases.

Despite the informal nature of this ruling, it shall constitute an Order of Court, and the Clerk is directed to docket it accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

/S/

Catherine C. Blake United States District Judge