UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

CHAMBERS OF CATHERINE C. BLAKE DISTRICT JUDGE U.S. COURTHOUSE 101 WEST LOMBARD STREET BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201 (410) 962-3220 Fax (410) 962-6836

September 26, 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 dates set at the status conference yesterday.

Next month the dates of October 18, 2018 at 8:45 a.m. and October 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. will be held for conference calls if necessary. Counsel should advise the court by October 15th and October 21st respectively, if the calls would be helpful. There will be no proceedings in court.

A meeting in chambers at 9:00 a.m. and an in-court status conference at 9:30 a.m. will be held November 28, 2018; December 19, 2018; January 30, 2019; and February 27, 2019. Oral argument on the motion to dismiss in the THA/R3 Track will be heard on January 30, 2019.

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,

Catherine C. Blake United States District Judge