

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

In Re: American Medical Systems, Inc., Pelvic Repair System Products Liability Litigation	MDL No. 2325  Hon. Joseph R. Goodwin
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**PRETRIAL ORDER #261**  
**ORDER APPOINTING J. CHRISTOPHER KLOTZ AS SETTLEMENT MASTER FOR PRIVATE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ASTORA WOMEN’S HEALTH, LLC AND AYLSTOCK, WITKIN, KREIS & OVERHOLTZ, PLLC**

Pending is an Unopposed Motion to Appoint J. Christopher Klotz as Settlement Master [ECF No. 6451] related to the private settlement agreement between Astora Women’s Health, LLC and Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz, PLLC. Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz, PLLC (“AWKO”), filed on August 8, 2018. AWKO has entered into a separate confidential Master Settlement Agreement (the “MSA”) with Astora Women’s Health, LLC (as successor in interest to American Medical System, Inc.’s women’s health business, Astora Holdings, LLC, Astora Women’s Health Holdings, LLC, and Astora Women’s Health Holdings, Inc.) (“Astora”) to resolve the claims related to the implantation of an AMS Pelvic Repair System Product(s) as defined in the MSA. AWKO has agreed to seek the approval of this court to appoint a Settlement Master to perform certain defined functions related to the administration and implementation of the MSA. AWKO believes that J. Christopher Klotz is well-qualified to perform these and other functions discussed below.

Upon review of the plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion, the court **FINDS** and **ORDERS** as follows:

1. The Unopposed Motion to Appoint Settlement Master [ECF No. 6451] is **GRANTED**.

2. J. Christopher Klotz is hereby appointed as Settlement Master for the administration of the settlement reached between AWKO and Astora, and is authorized to (a) develop an equitable model for allocation of the Settlement Amount among the participating claimants, (b) review the facts of each participating claimant's case and apply the same to the allocation model to determine individual participating claimant allocations, and (c) to carry out any and all other duties necessary to equitably allocate the Settlement Amount among the participating claimants, consistent with the terms of the parties' Master Settlement Agreement.

The court DIRECTS the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2:12-md-2325 and it shall apply to each member case previously transferred to, removed to, or filed in this district, where applicable, which includes counsel in all member cases up to and including civil action number 2:18-cv-01182. It shall be the responsibility of the parties to review and abide by all pretrial orders previously entered by the court. The orders may be accessed through the CM/ECF system or the Court's website at [www.wvsc.uscourts.gov](http://www.wvsc.uscourts.gov).

ENTER: August 10, 2018



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JOSEPH R. GOODWIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE