
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH

IN RE: BROILER CHICKEN GROWER
ANTITRUST LITIGATION (NO. III)

**ORDER APPOINTING INTERIM LEAD
COUNSEL AND SETTING CASE
SCHEDULE
(MDL Pretrial Order No. 2)**

Case No. 2:25-MD-03167-DBB-CMR

District Judge David Barlow

To be entered additionally in member cases:

2:25-CV-01134-DBB-CMR

2:25-CV-01135- DBB-CMR

2:25-CV-01136- DBB-CMR

2:25-CV-01137- DBB-CMR

2:25-CV-01139- DBB-CMR

2:25-CV-01172- DBB-CMR

On February 19, 2026, the court held a case management conference in this matter.¹

During that conference, the parties proposed a counsel leadership structure for this case. Having considered their qualifications, and for the reasons stated on the record, the court appoints Gary I. Smith, Jr and Daniel J. Walker as Interim Co-lead Counsel and Jason L. Lichtman as Interim Liaison Counsel for Plaintiffs. The court appoints Lawrence H. Heftman, Suzanne L. Wahl, Alex B. Leeman, Boris Bershteyn, Lara A. Flath, Sam Auld, and Amy F. Sorenson as Co-Liaison Counsel for Defendants.

Additionally, having considered the parties' proposed case schedule, and for the reasons stated on the record, the court enters the following case deadlines:

¹ Case Management Conference Minute Entry, ECF No. 103, entered Feb. 19, 2026.

Action	Deadline
Deadline to File Consolidated Complaint	March 6, 2026
Deadline for Defendants to Respond to the Consolidated Complaint	May 12, 2026
Deadline for Plaintiffs to Oppose Defendants' Motions to Dismiss	July 13, 2026
Deadline for Defendants to File Replies in Support of Motions to Dismiss	August 12, 2026
Initial Disclosures	30 Days After Lifting Stay of Discovery
Deadline to Amend Pleadings Without Further Leave of Court	TBD
Close of Fact Discovery	TBD
Deadline to Serve Expert Reports on All Issues for Which a Party Bears the Burden of Proof	1.5 Months After Close of Fact Discovery
Deadline to Serve Opposing Expert Reports	4 Months After Close of Fact Discovery
Deadline to Serve Rebuttal Expert Reports	5.5 Months After Close of Fact Discovery
Close of Expert Discovery	7 Months After Close of Fact Discovery
Deadline for Motion for Class Certification	8 Months After Close of Fact Discovery
Deadline for <i>Daubert</i> Motions	8 Months After Close of Fact Discovery
Deadline for Oppositions to Class Certification and <i>Daubert</i> Motions	9.5 Months After Close of Fact Discovery
Deadline for Replies to <i>Daubert</i> Motions	11 Months After Close of Fact Discovery
Deadline for Reply to Class Certification Motion	11 Months and One Week After Close of Fact Discovery
Deadline for All Parties to File Their Agreed or Competing Scheduling Proposal(s) for Summary Judgment, including Schedule(s), if Any, for Seeking to Supplement Merits Expert Reports (and a period for expert depositions) if a Party Intends to Seek Such Supplementation and the Court Allows Such Supplementation	14 Days After the Court Issues Rulings on Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification

Signed February 19, 2026.

BY THE COURT



David Barlow
United States District Judge