

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION**

In Re: DISPOSABLE CONTACT LENS ANTITRUST LITIGATION	Case No. 3:15-md-2626-J-20JRK Judge Harvey E. Schlesinger
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ORDER

THIS CAUSE is before the Court on Defendants’ Motion for Remand of State Law Claims and Defendant Alcon’s Motion to Dismiss Maryland State Law Claims (Doc. 1052).

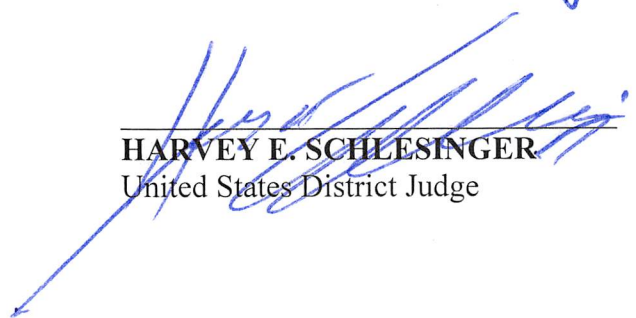
Defendants seek remand of all state law claims to the originating courts following conclusion of the pretrial proceedings. As to Alcon, it asserts that this Court lacks personal jurisdiction over it with respect to violations of California and Maryland state law. Additionally, Alcon seeks dismissal of Plaintiffs’ Maryland Antitrust Act claims, asserting Plaintiffs lack standing.

Plaintiffs contend that, *inter alia*, remand is inappropriate at this time because the resolution of the federal claims in this case will determine the contours of the state law claims. Therefore, the federal claims should be tried before resolution of the state law claims. This Court agrees that resolution of the state law issues is premature at this time. After trial,

Defendants can renew their motion if appropriate. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

Defendants' Motion for Remand of State Law Claims and Defendant Alcon's Motion to Dismiss Maryland State Law Claims (Doc. 1052) is **DENIED without prejudice**.

DONE AND ORDERED in Jacksonville, Florida, this 26~~th~~ day of February, 2020.



HARVEY E. SCHLESINGER
United States District Judge

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