

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: ROUNDUP PRODUCTS  
LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 2741

Case No. 16-md-02741-VC


This document relates to:  
ALL ACTIONS

**PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 69:  
MOTION TO REMAND IN  
KLOCK V. MONSANTO CO.**

The motion to remand in *Klock v. Monsanto Co.* is granted. *See* Dkt. No. 2368. On this issue, which has divided the courts, this Court agrees with the view that interpreting the statute to permit removal before service of process would create absurd results. *See, e.g., Black v. Monster Beverage Corp.*, No. EDCV-15-02203-MWF-DTB, 2016 WL 81474, at \*3-5 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 7, 2016); *Phillips Constr., LLC v. Daniels Law Firm, PLLC*, 93 F. Supp. 3d 544, 547-56 (S.D.W. Va. 2015); *see also Chen v. BioPharmX Corp.*, Case No. 17-cv-05725-VC, Dkt. No. 34. Absent intervening authority from the Ninth Circuit or Supreme Court, this order will govern all pending and future cases in this multidistrict litigation proceeding.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Date: February 1, 2019

  
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Honorable Vince Chhabria  
United States District Court