

Superior Court of New Jersey  
Middlesex County Courthouse  
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**JUDGE TRAVIS L. FRANCIS**

MAX APEL and JOAN APEL,	:	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
	:	LAW DIVISION – MIDDLESEX COUNTY
Plaintiffs,	:	DOCKET NO. MID-L-10623-09 MT
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vs.	:	Civil Action
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JOHNSON & JOHNSON, et al.,	:	Case Code 274
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Defendants.	:	<b>ORDER</b>
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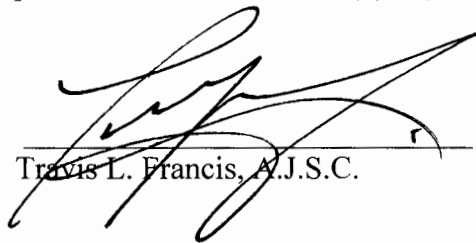
**THIS MATTER** having been opened by way of the court’s own motion to transfer venue from Middlesex County to Ocean County, and the court having been assigned to handle the In Re Risperdal/Seroquel/Zyprexa Litigation as a Mass Tort under Case Number 274, and the complaint in this matter having been filed in Middlesex County on December 31, 2009 pursuant to the In Re Risperdal/Seroquel/Zyprexa Litigation Mass Tort designation, and plaintiffs having filed claims against defendants Suinderjeet Sandhu, M.D., Preferred Behavioral Health of New Jersey, Inc., Maher Awad, M.D., St. Barnabas Behavior Health Center, Kimball Medical Center, Kimball Northeast Short Term Care Unit and Sireajuddin Ismail, M.D. (the “medical malpractice defendants”) with regard to their care and treatment of plaintiff Max Apel as well as asserting claims against defendants Johnson & Johnson and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP and AstraZeneca LP (the “pharmaceutical defendants) with regard to the manufacturing/distributing/selling of the antipsychotic drugs Risperdal® and Seroquel®, and the claims against the pharmaceutical defendants having been dismissed by the court on July 25, 2014 and August 11, 2014, and only remaining claims in the case involve the care and treatment of

plaintiff Max Apel by the medical malpractice defendants, and plaintiffs residing in Ocean County and the medical malpractice defendants having offices in Ocean County, and there no longer being a basis for venue in Middlesex County as a result of the court's dismissal of the claims against the pharmaceutical defendants, and good cause having been shown;

**IT IS** on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014;

**ORDERED** as follows:

1. Venue in this matter is transferred to Ocean County as the remaining parties in this action reside in Ocean County. Plaintiffs' claims arising under the In Re Risperdal/Seroquel/Zyprexa mass tort litigation were dismissed with prejudice. Plaintiffs' remaining allegations are against the medical malpractice defendants only.
2. Venue shall be transferred pursuant to Rule 4:3-3 and Rule 4:3-4.
3. A copy of this order shall be served upon counsel within seven (7) days.

  
Travis L. Francis, A.J.S.C.