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HON. BRUCE J. KAPLAN, J.S.C.

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| <p>MAVIS HEARNE,<br/><br/>Plaintiff,<br/><br/>v.<br/><br/>MERCK, SHARP &amp; DOHME, CORP.,<br/><br/>Defendant.</p> | <p>SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY<br/>LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY<br/><br/>CIVIL ACTION NO.: MID-L-008816-14<br/><br/><b>ORDER ON MOTION FOR<br/>SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES</b></p> |
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**THIS MATTER** having come before the Court upon the application of Plaintiff's Motion to Substitute Lori Stabler, heir of Mavis Hearne, as successor of the Decedent Mavis Hearne, deceased, and the Court having read the moving papers, and any papers filed in opposition thereto, and for good cause shown;

**IT IS** on this 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2024,

**ORDERED** that the motion is **GRANTED**, and that the caption in this matter shall be amended to reflect that Plaintiff is Lori Stabler, Administrator and Fiduciary of the Estate of Mavis Hearne (deceased) v. Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., et al.; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Plaintiff shall file and serve an Amended Complaint within ten (10) days of the date of this Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that service of this Order shall be deemed effectuated upon all parties upon its upload to eCourts. Pursuant to R. 1:5-1(a), movant shall serve a copy of this Order on all parties not served electronically within seven (7) days of the entry of the Order.

UNOPPOSED

*/s/ Bruce J. Kaplan*  
HONORABLE BRUCE J. KAPLAN, J.S.C.

Having reviewed the within Motion, the Court finds it to be meritorious on its face, in compliance with R. 4:34-1, and unopposed. It therefore will be granted essentially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers in accordance with R. 1:6-2.