

Scott D. Levensten, Esquire
(Attorney ID 056322013)
2200 Renaissance Blvd – Suite 320
King of Prussia, PA 19102
Phone: 215-545-5600
Fax: 215-545-5156
E: sdl@levenstenlawfirm.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff

FILED

July 3, 2025

HON. BRUCE J. KAPLAN, P.J.Cv.

CATHERINE W. SMITH, Plaintiff, v. MERCK, SHARP & DOHME, CORP., Defendant.	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY CIVIL ACTION NO.: MID-L-007404-14 ORDER ON MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Upon consideration of Plaintiff's Motion to Substitute Kathy Smith, heir of Rose Lauinger, as Administratrix of the Decedent Catherine W. Smith, deceased, and for good cause having been shown;

IT IS on this 3rd day of July 2025,

ORDERED that Plaintiff is hereby granted leave to file a First Amended Complaint, to substitute Kathy Smith, heir of Rose Lauinger, as Administratrix of the Decedent Catherine W. Smith, deceased, as Plaintiff **is hereby GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiff shall file and serve the proposed Amended Complaint within ten (10) days 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 Rule 1:5-1(a), movant shall serve a copy of this Order on all parties not served electronically within seven (7) days of the date of this Order.

UNOPPOSED

/s/ Bruce J. Kaplan
Honorable Bruce J. Kaplan P.J.Cv.

Having reviewed the within motion, this Court finds it meritorious on its face and is unopposed. This Court is granting leave to amend the Complaint in accord with R. 4:9-1. Moreover, the Court is granting substitution of Plaintiff as permitted under R. 4:34-1. Pursuant to R. 1:6-2, this Motion will be granted essentially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers.