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BEATRICE STEVENS,  Plaintiff,  v.  MERCK, SHARP & DOHME CORP., GLAXOSMITHKLINE, LLC, ROCHE LABORATORIES, INC., and HOFFMAN LAROCHE,  Defendants.	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY  CIVIL ACTION NO.: MID-L-008497-14  <b>ORDER ON MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES</b>
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**THIS MATTER**, brought before the upon consideration of Plaintiff's Motion to Substitute Thomas Wright, heir of Beatrice Stevens, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Beatrice Stevens, deceased, and for good cause shown;

**IT IS** on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025,

**ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to file an Amended Complaint to substitute Thomas Wright, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Beatrice Stevens, 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*

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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.