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

SHARON WAKELY  
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Plaintiffs

Vs

MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP., et al,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

CASE CODE: 282

Docket No. MID-L-7087-14

**ORDER ADMITTING  
CRAIG A. THOMPSON, ESQ.,  
*PRO HAC VICE***

**THIS MATTER**, brought by Defendant Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., by and through its attorneys Fox Rothschild LLP , upon notice to all interested parties, has moved before this Court for admission *pro hac vice* of Craig A. Thompson, Esquire; and the Court having considered the papers submitted in support thereof; and the Court having found that Craig A. Thompson, Esquire, is a member in good standing before the bar of the highest Court of the State where he is domiciled and principally practices law; and for other good cause shown,

**IT IS** on this 10th day of June, 2025,

**ORDERED** that Defendants' motion for the pro hac vice admission of Craig A. Thompson, Esquire, is GRANTED; and it is further ordered as follows:

1. Craig A. Thompson, Esquire is hereby admitted pro hac vice in this matter to appear as co-counsel on behalf of Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.;

2. Craig A. Thompson, Esquire is hereby required to abide by the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey, including all disciplinary rules, R. 1:20-1 and R. 1:28-2;

3. Craig A. Thompson, Esquire shall, and hereby does, consent to the appointment of the Clerk of the Supreme Court as an agent upon whom service of process may be made for all actions against Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. that may arise out of his participation in this matter;

4. Craig A. Thompson, Esquire shall immediately notify the Court of any matter affecting his standing at the Bar of any other jurisdiction;

5. Craig A. Thompson, Esquire shall have all pleadings, briefs, and other papers filed in this Court signed by an attorney of record authorized to practice in the State of New Jersey and before this Court, who shall be responsible for said papers, the conduct of the litigation and the attorney admitted herein;

6. Craig A. Thompson, Esquire or any other out of state attorney cannot be designated as trial counsel and must be accompanied by a member of the New Jersey Bar for all proceedings, unless specifically waived by the Court.

7. No discovery, motion, trial or any other proceeding delay shall occur or be requested by reason of the inability of Craig A. Thompson, Esquire to be in attendance;

8. Craig A. Thompson, Esquire must, within (10) days of admission, pay the fees required by R.1:20-1(b) and R. 1:28-2 and submit an affidavit of compliance;

9. Non-compliance with any rules relating to admission pro hac vice shall be grounds for removal; and it is further

**ORDERED** that service of this Order shall be deemed effectuated upon all parties upon its upload to e-courts. 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

Having reviewed the within motion, this Court finds it to be meritorious on its face and is unopposed. Pursuant to R. 1:6-2, it therefore will be granted essentially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers. 2

/s/ Bruce J. Kaplan  
Hon. Bruce J. Kaplan, P.J.Cv.