## SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: BERGEN COUNTY

FEB 25 2014 BRIAN R. MARTINOTTI

## IN RE: MIRENA® LITIGATION

**CASE NO. 297** 

This Document Relates to All Actions

## MASTER DOCKET NO.: BER-L-4098-13

## CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 16

This matter, having been opened to the Court by counsel for the Parties, and the Parties having consented, stipulated and agreed to the entry of this Case Management Order, and good cause appearing therefore:

IT IS, on this \_25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014, hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. This order shall apply to all cases currently pending in New Jersey Superior Court, In re: Mirena Litigation, Case No. 297, or that are transferred to these proceedings and/or filed directly with this Court (collectively, "the Coordinated Proceedings").

2. Notwithstanding any prior Case Management Order, defendants' (as defined in the Amended Proper Party Agreement or any subsequent amendments thereto) obligation to file a responsive pleading to any complaint or amended complaint is hereby stayed subject to the conditions of this Order. Defendants' time period to answer or otherwise plead in response to any complaint or amended complaint in any individual case in the Consolidated Proceedings is extended until 30 days after either:

a. Entry of an order identifying a case as part of the initial disposition pool; or

b. Entry of an order setting a specific trial date for a case.

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Should plaintiff amend her complaint after either one of these events, defendants' shall have 30 days after that amended pleading to respond.

3. Defendants' New Jersey counsel will enter an appearance on behalf of all properly served Defendants in all complaints and pay all applicable fees.

4. Except as specifically provided, nothing in this Order shall modify the parties' obligations under any other case management order including the parties' fact sheet and discovery obligations.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

HONORABLE BRIAN R. MARTINOTTI, J.S.C.