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GREGG A. PADOVANO, J.S.C.

Attorneys for Defendants,
Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson

MARGARET BEDNARZ and PETER
BEDNARZ,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ETHICON, INC., ETHICON WOMEN'S
HEALTH AND UROLOGY, a Division of
ETHICON, INC., GYNECARE, JOHNSON &
JOHNSON, and JOHN DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION – BERGEN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. BER-L-13372-14-MCL

MASTER DOCKET NO. BER-L-11575-14

CIVIL ACTION

In Re Pelvic Mesh/Gynecare Litigation
Case No. 291

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL WITH
PREJUDICE
AS TO THE ETHICON DEFENDANTS
ONLY**

MARGARET BEDNARZ and PETER
BEDNARZ,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JOSEPH A. SCIAN, M.D., et als.,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION – BERGEN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. BER-L-003806-15-MCL

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This matter having been brought before the Court by Defendants Ethicon,
Inc., Johnson & Johnson, and all affiliated entities, whether independent legal entities or

otherwise such as Ethicon Women's Health and Urology and Gynecare¹ (collectively "The Ethicon Defendants") by motion seeking an order of dismissal as to The Ethicon Defendants, including dismissal of cross-claims, and

WHEREAS The Ethicon Defendants reached a settlement with Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs executed a Release and received full compensation under that settlement agreement in early 2024, and

WHEREAS Co-Defendant Dr. Scian, who to date has not settled with Plaintiffs, declined to execute a Consent Order of Dismissal that included dismissal of his cross-claims against The Ethicon Defendants due to concerns about the dismissal potentially extinguishing Dr. Scian's rights under Young v. Latta, 123 N.J. 584 (1991), to seek an allocation of fault at trial as to The Ethicon Defendants as settling defendants, and

WHEREAS The Ethicon Defendants then filed a Motion on November 6, 2024, to dismiss Dr. Scian's cross-claims and/or compel the execution of the Consent Order of Dismissal; and

WHEREAS Dr. Scian filed opposition to the motion on November 26, 2024, and

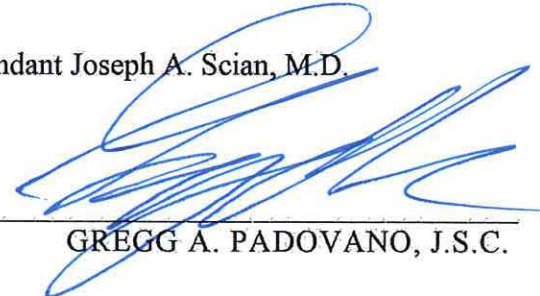
WHEREAS The Ethicon Defendants filed their Reply on December 2, 2024, and the motion was returnable on December 6, 2025, and

The Court having considered the papers submitted in support and in opposition to the motion, and for good cause shown,

¹ Gynecare was a former internal division of Ethicon, Inc., that was later known as Ethicon Women's Health & Urology. Ethicon Women's Health & Urology was an internal division of Ethicon, Inc. As such, Gynecare and Ethicon Women's Health & Urology are non-judicial entities that cannot sue or be sued in their own names.

IT IS on this 24TH day of OCTOBER, 2025, **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Defendants motion filed on November 24, 2024, be and is hereby granted; and
2. All claims, cross-claims and third-party claims between Plaintiffs and The Ethicon Defendants and all claims, cross-claims and third-party claims against The Ethicon Defendants be and are hereby dismissed with prejudice, with the parties bearing their own fees and costs; and
3. Pursuant to Young v. Latta, 123 N.J. 584 (1991) and its progeny, including Rowe v. Bell & Gossett Co., 239 N.J. 531 (1991), the dismissal of Dr. Scian's cross-claims against The Ethicon Defendant does not extinguish or otherwise impact his rights thereunder to seek allocation of fault at trial as to The Ethicon Defendants; and
4. The case remains active as against Defendant Joseph A. Scian, M.D.



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