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HOPE PAGANO AND STEVE PAGANO,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ETHICON, INC., ET AL.,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION – BERGEN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. BER-L-14515-14 MCL

MASTER CASE NO. BER-L-11575-14-CT

CIVIL ACTION
In Re Pelvic Mesh/Gynecare Litigation
Case No. 291 CT

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS'
MOTION TO ENFORCE SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT AND DENYING
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO VACATE
SETTLEMENT**

THIS MATTER having been brought before the Court by Defendants Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson, through its counsel Riker Danzig LLP, seeking an Order to Enforce Settlement Agreement and to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint With Prejudice; and the Plaintiff's having filed a motion to vacate the settlement, and the Court having considered the Motions, any opposition filed with respect to the Motions, and any arguments of counsel on the record on June 13, 2025; and for good cause shown,

IT IS on this 25th day of JUNE, 2025, ORDERED that:

1. Defendants' Motion to Enforce Settlement Agreement is hereby granted;
2. The revised General and Absolute Release with all terms and conditions provided to Plaintiffs' Counsel on June 28, 2024 and July 15, 2024, be and is hereby deemed

executed by Plaintiffs Hope Pagano and Steven Pagano. A copy of the release may be submitted *in camera* to Judge Padovano in connection with the execution of this Order.

3. Payment shall be remitted to Plaintiffs' Counsel Lieff Cabraser even in the event that the Court grants Plaintiffs' Counsel's pending Motion to Withdraw, and Lieff Cabraser will deduct the LCHB costs and liens and remit the balance to Plaintiffs.
4. Upon transfer of the Settlement Amount to Lieff Cabraser, Defendants may submit an Order to Dismiss the matter with Prejudice.
5. Plaintiffs' motion to vacate settlement be and is hereby denied.
6. Ethicon will bear the costs of mediation and each party shall otherwise bear their own fees and costs.

FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall placed on the docket for this matter.



Hon. Gregg A. Padovano

☒ Opposed

☐ Unopposed

The Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law were placed on the record on the 13th day of June, 2025 and were:

☐ Written

☒ Oral