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GREGG A. PADOVANO, J.S.C.

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Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson and Johnson*

HIDI BROOKS and KERRY BROOKS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ETHICON, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION – BERGEN COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. BER-L-015070-14

MASTER DOCKET NO. BER-L-011575-14

In Re Pelvic Mesh/Gynecare Litigation  
Case No. 291

CIVIL ACTION

**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT AND REQUEST  
TO STAY**

The parties would like to advise the Court that a settlement in principle has been reached in this matter.

It will likely take several months before the settlement will be finalized. As a result, the parties jointly request that this case be moved to inactive status and/or that Case Management Order (“CMO”) 126 deadlines and other requirements be stayed until such time as the settlement can be concluded and this case can be dismissed with prejudice.

In the event the settlement is not finalized, the parties will promptly inform Your Honor so that any such case can be restored to the active docket of this Court.

IT IS on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, **ORDERED** as follows:

Any deadlines and proceedings in this matter, including those established in CMO 126 and subsequent scheduling orders are stayed pending further order of the Court.



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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the New Jersey Supreme Court Omnibus Order on Covid-19 issues entered on March 27, 2020, "The provisions of Rule 1:32-2A(c) and all other Court Rules requiring original signatures on filings are relaxed and supplemented so as to permit electronic signatures to be used in all filing processes temporarily authorized to be used during the COVID-19 crisis, including, but not limited to emergent applications submitted by email and hardcopy submissions in dockets without an approved electronic filing system..."