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## JOHN C. PORTO, J.S.C.

## SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: ATLANTIC COUNTY MASTER CASE NO. ATL-L-2122-18

CASE NO: 627 **Civil Action** 

## ORDER REGARDING PRO HAC VICE **ADMISSION AND APPEARANCES**

This matter having been opened to the Court by Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Liaison Counsel for Plaintiffs, and Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, LLP and McCarter & English, LLP, Co-Liaison Counsel for Defendants, formalizing and expounding on the Court's ruling on the record at the February 18, 2021 Case Management Conference in the companion MCL In re Hernia Mesh/Prolene Hernia System, ATL-L-0173-20, Master Case No. 633, regarding acceptable practice and scope of pro hac vice admissions, and the Court having considered the Order; and good cause having been shown;

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It is on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021,

ORDERED that attorneys not holding a plenary New Jersey license to practice law may, through their New Jersey counsel, seek to be admitted pro hac vice under the Master Docket Number for this Multi-County Litigation ("MCL") by submitting an order through New Jersey counsel under the 5 day Rule. An order granting admission under the Master MCL docket number shall constitute permission to make appearances at depositions, court conferences, or other proceedings in any case that is a member of this MCL, without the need for filing a separate motion for pro hac vice admission, or the entry of a separate order, in the individual case docket.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no formal appearances need or should be filed on the electronic docket by counsel admitted *pro hac vice* in any individual case that is a member of this MCL, or in the master MCL docket.<sup>1</sup> Appearances as required in any individual case may be made on the record at a specific deposition, court conference, hearing or trial, with the consent of counsel of record to that individual case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the entry of a *pro hac vice* admission order under the Global MCL docket by any counsel for Plaintiff does not *ipso facto* create an attorney-client relationship with any party to any individual case that is a member of this MCL.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this order precludes the filing of a motion for *pro hac vice* admission, or order under the 5-day Rule as contemplated by Amended CMO #2 entered on 7/19/2019, in any individual case that is a member of this MCL.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this order alters any prior orders governing the manner and timing by which the Court will accept and consider *pro hac vice* applications.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this order alters or changes the obligations of *pro hac vice* counsel to abide by and adhere to the obligations established by N.J. Ct. R. 1:21-2, CMO #1 entered on August 20, 2018, and Amended CMO #2 entered on 7/19/2019.

HON. JOHN C. PORTO, J.S.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> By way of reminder to the parties, counsel admitted *pro hac vice* may not directly file documents; only New Jersey counsel of record are permitted and able to file documents on the docket.