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IN RE PROCEED MESH LITIGATION:

(Proceed Surgical Mesh and Proceed:

Ventral Patch Hernia Mesh)

FREDERICK AHLES, et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON; and ETHICON, INC.,

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

LAW DIVISION

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Case No. 630

Master Case No. ATL-L-794-19

Docket No.: ATL-L-1157-20

CIVIL ACTION

ORDER

THIS MATTER having been opened to the Court upon the motion of PGMBM, LLC, counsel for Plaintiff, and the Court having considered the moving papers, and for other good and just cause shown;

IT IS on this 16th day of June, 2022, **ORDERED** that:

Defendants.

- 1. Plaintiff is hereby granted leave to file a First Amended Complaint, as set forth in the accompanying Certification, to substitute Jean Ahles, Executor of the Estate of Frederick Ahles, as Plaintiff for Frederick Ahles, deceased, in the above-entitled action; and
- 2. All Defendants who have been served with the motion papers shall be deemed to have been served with the First Amended Complaint and Defendants' previously filed Answers and Cross-Claims shall be deemed responsive to the amended pleadings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that service of this Order shall be effectuated upon all parties upon its upload to eCourts and pursuant to Rule 1:5-1(a), movant shall serve a copy of this Order on all parties not served electronically within seven (7) days of the date of this Order.

JOHN C. PORTO, Acting P.J.Cv.

Opposed

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MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Defendants.

On June 3, 2022, Plaintiff, Frederick Ahles, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint to substitute the proper Plaintiff, Jean Ahles, Executor of the Estate of Frederick Ahles, in place of Plaintiff, Frederick Ahles, who passed away on April 10, 2021. The Motion is unopposed.

Having reviewed the above motion and certification, the Court finds it is meritorious on its face and in compliance with \underline{R} . 4:9-1. Pursuant to \underline{R} . 1:6-2(f) the motion is granted essentially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers.

All Defendants who have been served with the motion papers shall be deemed to have been served with the First Amended Complaint. No responsive pleadings by Defendants are required, and Defendants' Answers and cross-claims are deemed responsive to the First Amended Complaint.

An Order commensurate with this Court's decision is entered on eCourts.

Dated: June 16, 2022

JOHN C. PORTO, Acting P.J.Cv.

m.C.P.