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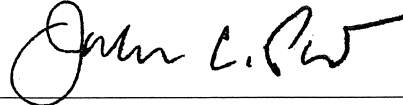
IN RE PROCEED MESH LITIGATION (Proceed® Surgical Mesh and Proceed® Ventral Patch Hernia Mesh)	MCL No. 630 Master Docket No. ATL-L-794-19
<p>MICHAEL HINES, et al.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Plaintiffs,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>JOHNSON & JOHNSON; and ETHICON, INC.,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Defendants.</p>	<p>SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION ATLANTIC COUNTY</p> <p>Docket No. ATL-L-2311-19</p> <p>ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AN AMENDED COMPLAINT</p>

This matter having come before the Court on Plaintiffs' motion for leave to amend the Complaint, and the Court having considered the papers presented, and good cause having been shown, it is on this 21st day of July, 2022, **ORDERED** that Plaintiffs are permitted to file a First Amended Complaint in this action;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs shall have 20 days to file an Amended Complaint in the form that was submitted with the motion before the Court;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that 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 a copy of this Order be served upon all counsel of record within 3 days.



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

Opposed

Unopposed

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On June 9, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-1948-19, Plaintiff, Jean Pendleton, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint substituting Kelly P. Santos, as Personal Representative for the Estate of Jean Pendleton, in place of Jean Pendleton, who passed away on November 30, 2021.

On June 10, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-2868-19, Plaintiff, Barbara Preston, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File a First Amended Complaint substituting Ampany Smith, as executor for the Estate of Barbara Preston, in place of Barbara Preston, who passed away on February 12, 2020.

On June 10, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-1081-19, Plaintiff, Kenneth B. Noakes, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File a First Amended Complaint substituting Connor J. Noakes and Kyle J. Noakes, as Independent Co-Administrators for the Estate of Kenneth B. Noakes, in place of Kenneth B. Noakes, who passed away on April 20, 2021.

On June 14, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-441-20, Plaintiff, Jeffrey Flach, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint substituting Elizabeth Flach, as the Administrator of the Estate of Jeffrey Flach, in place of Jeffrey Flach, who passed away on March 22, 2022.

On June 14, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-569-20, Plaintiffs, Edward Ewing and Darlene Ewing, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint substituting Darlene Ewing, as the Administrator of the Estate of Edward Ewing, in

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place of Edward Ewing, who passed away on October 10, 2021.

On June 16, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-1654-19, Plaintiff, Barbara Patterson, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File a First Amended Complaint substituting Nicholas Laudato, as the Administrator of the Estate of Barbara Patterson, in place of Barbara Patterson, who passed away on November 6, 2020.

On June 16, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-1343-19, Plaintiff, James Haskins, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File a First Amended Complaint substituting Gloria Cady, as the Administrator of the Estate of James Haskins, in place of James Haskins, who passed away on March 5, 2020.

On June 16, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-2311-19, Plaintiffs, Michael Hines and Michele Hines, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint naming Michele Hines as the Administrator for the Estate of Michael Hines, in place of Michael Hines, who passed away on August 7, 2021.

On June 21, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-1250-20, Plaintiff, Towanda Moorefield, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File a First Amended Complaint to substitute Yolanda Moorefield, individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Towanda Moorefield, in place of Towanda Moorefield, who passed away on September 12, 2021.

On June 22, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-893-20, Plaintiff, Barbara Bachan, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File a First Amended Complaint to substitute Joseph Bachan, as the Personal Representative for the Estate of Barbara Bachan, in place of Barbara Bachan, who passed away on August 25, 2020.

On June 22, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-737-20, Plaintiff, Nancy Gartin, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File a First Amended Complaint to substitute Alyssa Hobbs and Roselyn Nethercott, as the Administrators of the Estate of Nancy Gartin, in place of Nancy Gartin, who passed away on September 9, 2021.

On June 29, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-1144-10, Plaintiffs, Richard Pride and Sherry Pride, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint to substitute Sherry Pride, as the Independent Executor of the Estate of Richard Pride, in place of Richard Pride, who passed away on August 15, 2020.

On July 5, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-2166-19, Plaintiff, Katie N. Ragsdale, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint to substitute

Theresa Ragsdale, the executrix for the Estate of Katie N. Ragsdale, in place of Katie N. Ragsdale, who passed away on February 25, 2019.

On July 8, 2022, under Docket No. ATL-L-3998-21, Plaintiff, Charlotte Mason, filed a Notice of Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint to substitute Chas-Nay Mason, the Administrator of the Estate of Charlotte Mason, in place of Charlotte Mason, who passed away on February 6, 2022.

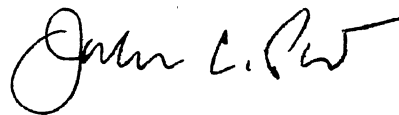
The aforementioned motions are unopposed and currently pending before the Court.

Having reviewed said motions and certifications, the Court finds they are meritorious on their face and in compliance with R. 4:9-1. Pursuant to R. 1:6-2(f) the motions are granted essentially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers.

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

Individual Orders commensurate with this Court's decision are entered on eCourts.

Dated: July 21, 2022



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