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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: BERGEN COUNTY

CASE NO. 624 Master Docket No. BER-L-7859-17 CIVIL ACTION

This Document Relates To the Following Matters Only:

- 1) Phillip and Sonia Hofer [7560-16]
- 2) John and Joan Nail [7562-16]
- 3) <u>Sandra Ruiz and Ricardo Escobedo</u> [9182-14]
- 4) Kenneth J. Wiley [4901-15]

ORDER REGARDING ONLY CERTAIN IDENTIFIED PENDING UNREVISED MATTERS

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RACHELLE L. HARZ J.S.C.

Pursuant to the New Jersey Supreme Court's Order of May 16, 2017, MCL No. 624 (Master Docket Number BER-L-7895-17) was assigned to this Court for centralized case management. Accordingly, this Court is charged with management of this MCL docket, generally, as well as the individual matters that collectively comprise the MCL docket.

The Court is aware that certain matters asserting claims involving *unrevised* plaintiffs are pending in the MCL, despite the fact that all prior unrevised plaintiffs have voluntarily dismissed such matters without remuneration. The Court is further aware that counsel of record in the matters that are the subject of this Order seek to be relieved of their representation of these plaintiffs based on counsel's termination of representation of the named plaintiffs and other underlying circumstances.

Accordingly, pursuant to its inherent authority and case management duties, the Court hereby issues the following Order:

IT IS on this 10th day of February 2022 ORDERED:

- 1. Only the following matters are within the scope of this Order:
 - Phillip and Sonia Hofer, et al. [BER-L-7560-16]
 - John and Joan Nail, et al. [BER-L-7562-16]

- Sandra Ruiz and Ricardo Escobedo, et al. [BER-L-9182-14]
- Kenneth J. Wiley, et al. [BER-L-4901-15]
- 2. Current counsel for the named plaintiffs identified above are hereby permitted to withdraw as counsel, but must first issue notice and a copy of this Order to each of the plaintiffs in the matters listed herein via registered and overnight mail to the last known address for each such plaintiff.
- Prior to the return date for this Order to Show Cause, current counsel shall provide a written update to this Court and Lead Counsel confirming that the required notices have been timely issued pursuant to the terms of this Order;
- 4. Each of the named plaintiffs (or the new legal counsel or legal representatives of any deceased party/parties) identified in the matters set forth above shall appear (*Via Telephonic Conference*) and show cause on FEBRUARY 23, 2022 at 2PM (EST) why his/her unrevised plaintiff case should not be removed from the trial calendar and dismissed from the MCL docket with prejudice;
- <u>The February 23, 2022 (2PM EST) conference call dial-in information is as follows</u>: Toll-free Dial-in: 877 853 5257; Meeting ID: 842 6390 2650; Passcode: 660566
- If a plaintiff or plaintiffs in one of the identified lawsuits fails to appear via telephonic conference on February 23, 2022 at 2PM EST then the Court shall dismiss his/her lawsuit with prejudice.

HON! RACHELLE L. HARZ, J.S.C

Dated: February 10, 2022