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IN RE TALC BASED POWDER
PRODUCT LITIGATION
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION: ATLANTIC COUNTY

CASE NO.: 300

CIVIL ACTION

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER 19 –
ORDER GOVERNING AMENDMENTS
TO COMPLAINTS

THIS MATTER having come before the Court upon the joint application of the Parties, and the Court having reviewed the matter,

IT IS ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024,

## ORDERED THAT:

The procedures set forth below shall govern the amendment of existing complaints to add new defendants (section A) and the amendment of complaints to substitute plaintiffs (section B)

## A. Amendment of Complaints to Add New Defendants

- 1. Plaintiffs are hereby granted leave to file Amended Complaints to add new Defendants without further motion to the court provided that:
- a) Each Plaintiff's firm serve a single copy of their proposed Amended Complaint to defense counsel, Susan Sharko, Esquire, along with a proposed consent order in the form attached as Exhibit A, before filing with the Court;
- b) Each Plaintiff's firm send a list of all cases it intends on filing an Amended Complaint with the Court, Terms and Numbers to defense counsel, Susan Sharko, Esquire, before filing with the Court;

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c) Defendants will review the Amended Complaint and consent order within seven (7) days

of receipt. After Defendants have reviewed and approved of the Amended Complaint and consent order,

each Plaintiff's firm may then file the agreed upon Consent Order with the proposed Amended Complaint

and list of all the cases to which the Amended Complaint applies.

The foregoing does not apply to any of the 15 cases selected for the Discovery Pool in

accordance with the Third Amended Case Management Order 9 and listed in Case Management Order 22.

3. Defendants are not required to file an Answer to any Amended Complaints until a case

receives a trial date.

B. Amendment of Complaints to Substitute Plaintiffs

1. Plaintiffs are hereby granted to leave to amend their complaints to substitute the party

plaintiff so long as the necessary documents establishing the newly substituted plaintiff's authority to

prosecute the action (as defined by applicable state law) are attached as an exhibit to the amended complaint,

No further permission of the Court is required for amendments that comply with these requirements.

2. All challenges to the amendments to substitute the parties are reserved until a case receives a

trial date.

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. PORTO

## **EXHIBIT A**

IN RE: JOHNSON & JOHNSON TALCUM POWDER LITIGATION

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: ATLANTIC COUNTY MASTER DOCKET: ATL-L-2648-15

CASE: 300

CIVIL ACTION

CONSENT ORDER TO AMEND COMPLAINTS TO ADD NEW DEFENDANTS PURSUANT TO CMO 19

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned parties, pursuant to CMO 19, that the matters listed in the attached **Exhibit A** are hereby permitted to file an Amended Complaint to add the new Defendants identified in the contemporaneously filed Amended Complaint attached as **Exhibit B**. Defendants are not required to file an Answer to any Amended Complaints until an individual case receives a trial date.

## IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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