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IN RE ZOSTAVAX LITIGATION

JACKIE PEPPER RICHARDS, Individually and as Personal Representative for the Estate of CARLTON RICHARDS JR (Deceased), v.

MERCK & CO., INC., et al.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION - MIDDLESEX COUNTY

MCL NO.: 629

DOCKET NO.: MID-L-000519-19

ORDER

WHEREAS, Plaintiff, by and through their attorneys Marc J. Bern & Partners LLP, upon notice to all interested parties, has moved before this Court to substitute Plaintiff's heir, JACKIE PEPPER RICHARDS, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of CARLTON RICHARDS JR v. MERCK & CO., INC., et al. as Plaintiff in this matter, and the Court having read and considered the papers submitted in this matter, and for good cause having been shown;

IT IS on this 6th day of January, 2023;

ORDERED that the motion is **GRANTED**, and that the metadata and the caption in this matter shall reflect that Plaintiff is JACKIE PEPPER RICHARDS, individually as Personal Representative for the Estate of CARLTON RICHARDS JR v. MERCK & CO., INC., et al.; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiff shall file and serve an Amended Complaint within ten (10) days of the date of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that service of this Order shall be deemed effectuated upon all parties upon its upload to eCourts. Pursuant to \underline{R} . 1:5-1(a), movant shall serve a copy of this Order on all parties not served electronically within seven (7) days of the entry of the Order.

<u>| S| Bruce J. Kaplau</u> HONORABLE BRUCE J. KAPLAN, J.S.C.

UNOPPOSED

Having reviewed the within Motion, the Court finds it to be meritorious on its face, in compliance with \underline{R} . 4:34-1, and unopposed. It therefore will be granted essentially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers in accordance with \underline{R} . 1:6-2.