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HON. BRUCE J. KAPLAN, J.S.C.

DEBRA SMITH,  
Plaintiffs

vs

MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.,  
et al  
Defendant.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Docket No. MID-L-3324-20

**ORDER WITHDRAWING  
THE PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF  
KENNETH L. THOMPSON, ESQUIRE**

**WHEREAS**, Defendants Merck & Co., Inc. and Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., by and through its attorneys Fox Rothschild LLP, upon notice to all interest parties, have moved before this Court for an Order withdrawing the pro hac vice admission of Kenneth L. Thompson, Esquire and the Court having considered the papers submitted in support thereof, and for good cause shown:

**IT IS** on this 17th day of March, 2023;

**ORDERED** that the motion is **hereby GRANTED**, and the pro hac vice admission of Kenneth L. Thompson, Esquire, is hereby withdrawn for all purposes and in all proceedings in connection with the above-captioned matter, with an effective date of as of the date of this Order, and it is further

**ORDERED** counsel for Merck & Co., Inc. and Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. shall forward a copy of this Order to the Treasurer of the New Jersey Fund for Client Protection within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, and it is further

**ORDERED** that the posting of this Order on eCourts shall constitute service upon all counsel of record. Pursuant to R. 1:5-1(a), the movant shall serve a copy of this Order upon all parties not served electronically within seven (7) days of receipt of this Order.

*15/ Bruce J. Kaplan*  
HONORABLE BRUCE J. KAPLAN, J.S.C.

**Unopposed**

Having reviewed the within motion, this Court finds it to be meritorious on its face and is unopposed. Pursuant to R. 1:6-2, it therefore will be granted essentially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers.