## NOTICE TO THE BAR

## <u>MULTICOUNTY LITIGATION - CONCLUSION OF</u> HEALTHPLUS SURGERY CENTER LITIGATION MCL

In accordance with the provisions of Court Rule 4:38A and Directive #02-19, "Multicounty Litigation Guidelines and Criteria for Designation (Revised)," a previous Notice to the Bar sought comments on the recommendation of Superior Court Judge Rachelle Harz for conclusion of the HealthPlus Surgery Center litigation MCL. This Notice is to advise that the Supreme Court, after considering the recommendation and having received no comments objecting to the conclusion, has concluded the MCL designation of all pending and future state-court HealthPlus Surgery Center litigation. The Court's February 17, 2023 Order is published with this notice.

The notice and order are also posted on the Judiciary's Internet Website at (<a href="www.njcourts.gov">www.njcourts.gov</a>) in the Multicounty Litigation Information Center <a href="https://www.njcourts.gov/attorneys/multicounty-litigation">https://www.njcourts.gov/attorneys/multicounty-litigation</a>.

Questions concerning the Court's conclusion of the MCL designation of the HealthPlus Surgery Center litigation may be directed to Melissa A. Czartoryski, Esq., Chief, Civil Practice Division, Administrative Office of the Courts, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 981, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0981; telephone (609) 815-2900 ext. 54900; email address: Melissa.Czartoryski@njcourts.gov

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Dated: February 17, 2023

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

The Supreme Court by Order dated December 2, 2019 designated all

New Jersey state court litigation alleging personal injuries arising from lapses

in infection control in sterilization/cleaning of instruments at the HealthPlus

Surgery Center as multicounty litigation and assigned that litigation to Bergen

County.

It is ORDERED that, effective immediately, the designation of all New

Jersey state court HealthPlus Surgery Center litigation as multicounty

litigation is hereby concluded.

For the Court,

Chief Justice

Dated: February 17, 2023