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BRIAN R. MARTINOTTI
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DALE WATKINS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ETHICON, INC. AND JOHNSON &
JOHNSON,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION – BERGEN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. BER-L-13787-14 MCL

MASTER DOCKET NO. BER-L-11575-14

CIVIL ACTION

**ORDER GRANTING THE MOTION FOR THE
PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF
WILLIAM M. GAGE**

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on the Motion of Defendants Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson (“Defendants”) for an Order admitting attorney William M. Gage, Esq., from the Ridgeland, Mississippi office of Butler Snow LLP, pro hac vice in the above matter; and the Court having read and considered all submissions in connection with the Motion; and good cause appearing;

IT IS on this 21st day of October, 2015,

ORDERED that William M. Gage, Esq. is hereby admitted pro hac vice to represent Defendants in this litigation in association with New Jersey counsel, Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP in the above matter; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Mr. Gage shall abide by the New Jersey Court Rules, including all disciplinary rules, Rule 1:20-1 and Rule 1:28-2;
2. Mr. Gage shall consent to the appointment of the Clerk of the Supreme Court as the agent upon whom service of process may be made for all actions against his firm that may arise out of his participation in this matter;
3. Mr. Gage shall notify the Court immediately of any matter affecting his standing at the Bar of any other court;
4. Mr. Gage shall have all pleadings, briefs, and other papers filed with the Court signed by an attorney of record authorized to practice in this State, who shall be held responsible for them, the conduct of the case, and the attorney admitted herein;
5. Mr. Gage shall not be designated as trial counsel for purposes of Rule 4:25-4;
6. No delay in discovery, motions, trial, or any other proceeding shall occur or be requested by reason of the inability of Mr. Gage to be in attendance;
7. Mr. Gage must, within 30 days, pay the fees required by Rule 1:20-1 and Rule 1:28-2;
8. Automatic termination of pro hac vice admission will occur for failure to make the required annual payment to the Ethics Financial Committee and the New Jersey Fund for Client Protection. Proof of such payment, after filing proof of the initial payment, shall be made no later than February of each year;
9. Noncompliance with any of these requirements shall constitute grounds for removal; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel for Defendants shall serve a copy of this order on all parties within seven (7) days.



Hon. Brian R. Martinotti, J.S.C.

Opposed

Unopposed

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