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

MAURICE BALLAS, as Independent Executor of the ESTATE OF FREDA BALLAS, Plaintiff, v. MERCK, SHARP & DOHME, CORP., Defendants.	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY CIVIL ACTION NO.: MID-L-007298-14 ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND TO SUBSTITUTE PLAINTIFF
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THIS MATTER having been opened to the Court by Scott Levensten, Esquire, of The Levensten Law Firm, attorney for Plaintiff, seeking an order to amend the Complaint to name Maurice Ballas, as Independent Executor of the Estate of Freda Ballas, deceased, and the Court having read and considered the papers submitted in this matter, and for good cause having been shown;

IT IS on this 18th day of February 2024,

ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Amend the Complaint to name Maurice Ballas, as Independent Executor of the Estate of Freda Ballas, **is hereby GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiff shall file and serve the Amended Complaint within ten (10) days 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 Rule 1:5-1(a), movant shall serve a copy of this Order on all parties not served electronically within seven (7) days of the date of this Order.

UNOPPOSED

/s/ Bruce J. Kaplan
HONORABLE BRUCE J. KAPLAN, J.S.C.

Having reviewed the within motion, this Court finds it meritorious on its face and is unopposed. This Court is granting leave to amend the Complaint in accord with R. 4:9-1. Moreover, the Court is granting substitution of Plaintiff as permitted under R. 4:34-1. Pursuant to R. 1:6-2, this Motion will be granted essentially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers.

