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

JOSEPH S. KAHN, as Trustee of the ELIZABETH AFFELDER KAHN TRUST RECOVABLE TRUST on behalf of ELIZABETH KAHN, Deceased,

Plaintiff,

v.

MERCK, SHARP & DOHME, CORP., and NOVARTIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

CIVIL ACTION NO.: MID-L-007497-14

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND TO SUBSTITUTE PLAINTIFF

**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 Joseph S. Kahn, as Trustee of the Elizabeth Affelder Kahn Trust Recovable Trust on behalf of Elizabeth Kahn, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024,

**ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion to Amend the Complaint to name Joseph S. Kahn, as Trustee of the Elizabeth Affelder Kahn Trust Recovable Trust on behalf of Elizabeth Kahn, Deceased, **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.

| STUCE J. KAPLAN, J.S.C.

**UNOPPOSED** 

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  $\underline{R}$ . 4:9-1. Moreover, the Court is granting substitution of Plaintiff as permitted under  $\underline{R}$ . 4:34-1. Pursuant to  $\underline{R}$ . 1:6-2, this Motion will be granted essentially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers.