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WAYNE K. CAPARAS, as Personal
Representative of the Estate of PATRICIA
MCKEOWN,,

Plaintiff,

v.

MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP. f/k/a
MERCK & CO., INC.,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION-MIDDLESEX COUNTY
MCL Case No. 282

Docket No. MID-L-7179-14

CIVIL ACTION
FOSAMAX LITIGATION

**ORDER GRANTING SUBSTITUTION
OF PARTIES**

THIS MATTER having been opened to the Court upon the motion of Parker Waichman LLP, counsel for Plaintiff, seeking an order substituting Wayne K. Caparas, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia Mckeown, and the Court having considered the papers submitted in this matter, and for good cause having been shown;

IT IS on this 17th day of March 2025,

ORDERED that Plaintiff be granted leave to file a First Amended Complaint, as set forth in the accompanying Certification, to substitute Wayne K. Caparas, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia Mckeown **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.