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## ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

GREGG A. PADOVANO, J.S.C.

DARLENE M. BRANTIS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION – BERGEN COUNTY DOCKET NO. BER-L-14581-14

ETHICON, INC., ETHICON WOMEN'S HEALTH AND UROLOGY, a Division of Ethicon, Inc., GYNECARE, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, AND JOHN DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

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Gynecare Litigation, Case No. 291

ORDER AUTHORIZING FLEMING, NOLEN & JEZ, LLP AND THE D'ONOFRIO FIRM LLC TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL

THIS MATTER being opened to the Court on <u>February 12, 2024</u>, by Fleming, Nolen & Jez, LLP and The D'Onofrio Firm, LLC, attorneys for Plaintiff, to be relieved as counsel, and the court having considered the matter and for good cause shown,

IT IS on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

- Fleming, Nolen & Jez, LLP and The D'Onofrio Firm, LLC are hereby relieved as counsel for Plaintiffs subject to the additional provisions of this Order.
- 2. Counsel for Plaintiff shall serve a copy of this Order on Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's representative at the last known address and upon counsel for Defendants, and shall submit

via JEDS a Certification of such service within 10 days of the date of this Order. Plaintiff's last known address is:

Darlene Brantis 3087 State Route 96 Clifton Springs, NY 14432

3. Plaintiff shall have 40 days from the date of this Order to notify the Court in writing that she either has new counsel or intends to prosecute the case *pro se* (without an attorney).

The writing shall be addressed to:

The Honorable Gregg A. Padovano, J.S.C. Superior Court of New Jersey Bergen County Courthouse – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Rotunda 10 Main Street Hackensack, NJ 07601

And the written notice must be received by the Court within the 40-day window period.

4. A copy of the notice shall also be sent to counsel for the Defendants at:

Kelly Crawford, Esq. Riker Danzig, LLP Headquarters Plaza One Speedwell Avenue Morristown, NJ 07960

- 5. If the Court does not receive the notice within the 40-day period the Complaint will be deemed dismissed without prejudice as to all defendants. Counsel for the Defendants may submit a proposed Order to that effect without further notice to the Plaintiff.
- 6. If Plaintiff's Complaint is dismissed without prejudice under the terms of this order, plaintiff may move to reinstate the complaint within 60 days from the date of the order

dismissing without prejudice. If no motion to reinstate is filed by that date, then counsel for Defendant may submit an Order to convert the dismissal to a dismissal with prejudice, without further notice to the plaintiff.

The Court DIRECTS the Clerk to file a copy of this order on the docket

Hon. Gregg A. Padovano, J.S.C.

## CONSENTED TO AS TO FORM AND ENTRY:

/s/ Heather K. D'Onofrio

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Dated: February 27, 2024