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Plaintiff,

vs.

ETHICON, INC., ETHICON WOMEN'S  
HEALTH AND UROLOGY, a Division  
of Ethicon, Inc., GYNECARE,  
JOHNSON & JOHNSON,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION – BERGEN COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. BER-L-007281-19 MCL

MASTER DOCKET NO. BER-L-011575-14

CIVIL ACTION  
In Re Pelvic Mesh/Gynecare Litigation  
Case No. 291

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**NOTICE AND REQUEST TO STAY**

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The parties would like to advise the Court that a settlement in principle has been reached in this case as part of larger global settlement in principle involving multiple plaintiffs.

It will likely take several months before the settlement will be finalized. As a result, the parties jointly request that this case, which was selected as part of the TVT discovery pool in CMO 74

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be moved to inactive status and/or that any deadlines and other requirements be stayed, until such time as the settlement can be concluded and the cases can be dismissed with prejudice.

In the event the global settlement is not finalized, the parties will promptly inform Your Honor so that any such case can be restored to the active docket of this Court.

IT IS on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2022, **ORDERED** as follows:

Any deadlines and proceedings in this case, including, but not limited to those established in CMO 74, are stayed pending further order of the Court. A copy of this Order shall be entered on the Master Case docket as well as in this matter's docket.



RACHELLE L. HARZ, J.S.C.

**THE UNDERSIGNED CONSENT TO THE FORM AND ENTRY OF THIS ORDER:**

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Dated: February 18, 2022

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Dated: February 18, 2022

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the New Jersey Supreme Court Omnibus Order on Covid-19 issues entered on March 27, 2020, " The provisions of Rule 1:32-2A(c) and all other Court Rules requiring original signatures on filings are relaxed and supplemented so as to permit electronic signatures to be used in all filing processes temporarily authorized to be used during the COVID-19 crisis, including, but not limited to emergent applications submitted by email and hardcopy submissions in dockets without an approved electronic filing system... ."