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<p>DEBRA MIRANDA,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Plaintiffs,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">vs.</p> <p>ETHICON, INC., et als,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Defendants.</p>	<p>SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION – BERGEN COUNTY DOCKET NO. BER-L-014409-14 MCL</p> <p>MASTER DOCKET NO. BER-L-11575-14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CIVIL ACTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Re Pelvic Mesh/Gynecare Litigation, Case No. 291</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORDER REGARDING CONFERENCE AND MAINTENANCE OF CLAIMS</p>
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IT IS on this 31st day of March 2023, **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Plaintiff and her counsel are directed to appear for a mandatory status conference on May 5th, 2023 at 10:00 AM in Hackensack, New Jersey, at the Bergen County Courthouse, 10 Main Street, Hackensack, N.J. Room Court Room 359 Rotunda.. *Plaintiff shall appear in person for the mandatory status conference along with counsel of record, unless there has been full compliance with Paragraph 2, below, or Paragraph 6, below.*

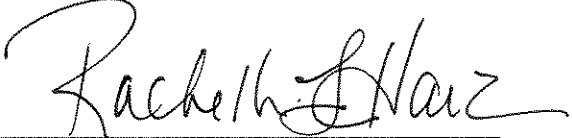
2. Plaintiff may be permitted to appear via Zoom in lieu of in person only if
 - (a) plaintiff demonstrates by written application an inability to travel to New Jersey due to medical reasons, and
 - (b) plaintiff receives leave from the Court and Zoom conference instructions by [insert date one week in advance of conference].
 - (c) Such written application must be submitted to the Court no later than [insert date about 3 weeks before the mandatory conference date],
3. If plaintiff fails to appear at the mandatory status conference, either in person or via Zoom (with prior approval), plaintiff shall be subject to substantial sanctions including immediate dismissal of her complaint without prejudice. If plaintiff's complaint is dismissed, counsel shall provide a copy of the dismissal order to Plaintiff within 10 days of the date of the Order. The Court may require proof of compliance with this provision.
4. If plaintiff appears at the conference, at the conference, the Court will entertain any *ore tenus* motion by counsel to withdraw from the representation.
5. If plaintiff's counsel moves to withdraw at the conference plaintiff shall advise the Court at the conference whether she intends to seek new counsel or to proceed *pro se*. Plaintiff may elect instead to have her Complaint dismissed without prejudice, subject to Paragraph 6 below.
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 conference. If no motion to reinstate is filed by that date, then counsel for Defendant may submit an omnibus motion to convert each such dismissal to a dismissal with prejudice, without further notice to the plaintiff.

7. The filing of a proper dismissal order before the status conference will relieve plaintiff and her counsel from attending the status conference.
8. The court further requires the presence of the following counsel: (1) for Ethicon: Donna Jacobs or Eric Hudson (via Zoom only); and (3) defense liaison counsel Kelly S. Crawford.
9. If Plaintiff's counsel is allowed to withdraw and Plaintiff proceeds *pro se*, then any subsequent filings may served on Plaintiff via certified and regular first mail at:

10370 NE 90th Street
Bronson, FL, 32621

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

Counsel for plaintiff is directed to provide a copy of this order to plaintiff within 10 days of the date of entry of this Order. The Court may require proof of compliance with this provision.


RACHELLE L. HARZ, J.S.C.