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Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson

ANN LOUISE BELL and GERALD  
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Plaintiffs

vs.

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION – BERGEN COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. BER-L-011704-14 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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WHEREAS the Complaint in this case originally having named as defendants Ethicon, Inc., Ethicon Women's Health and Urology, A Division Of Ethicon, Inc., Gynecare, Johnson & Johnson, American Medical Systems, Inc.; Boston Scientific Corporation; and others, AND

WHEREAS orders of dismissal without prejudice as to Defendants C.R. Bard, Inc., American Medical Systems, Inc. and Boston Scientific Corporation having been entered on October 15 2012 and October 31, 2013,

WHEREAS the case is now ripe for dismissal as to all remaining defendants except Johnson & Johnson and Ethicon, Inc., AND

WHEREAS the parties would like to advise the Court that a settlement in principle has now been reached in this case with Johnson & Johnson and Ethicon, Inc., AND

WHEREAS it will likely take several months before the settlement will be finalized and as a result, the parties jointly request that this case, which was selected as part of the CMO 74 Exhibit A mixed manufacturer discovery pool,

ANN LOUISE BELL and GERALD BELL	Ethicon Product = Prolift and TVT	BER-L-011704-14 MCL
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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 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, **ORDERED** as follows:

The case is dismissed with prejudice as to all remaining defendants other than Ethicon Inc. and Johnson & Johnson, and

Any deadlines and proceedings in this case as to the only remaining Defendants (Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson), including, but not limited to those established in CMO 74, are stayed pending further order of the Court, and

A copy of this Order shall be entered on the Master Case docket as well as in this matter's docket.



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RACHELLE L. HARZ, J.S.C.

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

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Dated: January 22, 2022

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<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... ."