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**RACHELLE L. HARZ  
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BLANCA ESTELLA GOMEZ,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION - BERGEN COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. BER-L-009761-15 MCL

MASTER DOCKET NO. BER-L-11575-14

CIVIL ACTION

In Re Pelvic Mesh/Gynecare Litigation  
Case No. 291

**ORDER GRANTING THE MOTION FOR  
THE PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF  
PHILIP J. COMBS, ESQ.**

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on the Motion of Defendants Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson ("Defendants") for an Order admitting attorney Philip J. Combs, Esq., from the Charleston, West Virginia office of Thomas Combs & Spann, PLLC, pro hac vice in the above matter; and the Court having read and considered all submissions in connection with the Motion; good cause appearing;

IT IS on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018,

ORDERED that Philip J. Combs, Esq. is hereby admitted pro hac vice to represent Defendants in this litigation in

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association with New Jersey counsel, Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, LLP, in the above matter; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Mr. Combs shall abide by the New Jersey Court Rules, including all disciplinary rules, Rule 1:20-1 and Rule 1:28-2;

2. Mr. Combs shall consent to the appointment of the Clerk of the Supreme Court as the agent upon whom service of process may be made for all actions against his firm that may arise out of his participation in this matter;

3. Mr. Combs shall notify the Court immediately of any matter affecting his standing at the Bar of any other court;

4. Mr. Combs shall have all pleadings, briefs, and other papers filed with the Court signed by an attorney of record authorized to practice in this State, who shall be held responsible for them, the conduct of the case, and the attorney admitted herein;

5. Mr. Combs shall not be designated as trial counsel for purposes of Rule 4:25-4;


6. No delay in discovery, motions, trial, or any other proceeding shall occur or be requested by reason of the inability of Mr. Combs to be in attendance;

7. Mr. Combs must, within 30 days, pay the fees required by Rule 1:20-1 and Rule 1:28-2;

8. Automatic termination of pro hac vice admission will occur for failure to make the required annual payment to the Ethics Financial Committee and the New Jersey Fund for Client Protection. Proof of such payment, after filing proof of the initial payment, shall be made no later than February of each year;

9. Noncompliance with any of these requirements shall constitute grounds for removal; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel for Defendants shall serve a copy of this order on all parties within seven (7) days.



Hon. Rachelle Lea Harz, J.S.C

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