

ORDER OF ALBERTO RIVAS, A.J.
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CIVIL DIVISION; VICINAGE 8 – MIDDLESEX
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**IN THE MIDDLESEX MATTERS OF
PROLENE HERNIA SYSTEM (PHS)**

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CIVIL DIVISION; MIDDLESEX COUNTY

CIVIL ACTIONS

**OMNIBUS ORDER OF TRANSFER
TO ATLANTIC COUNTY**

THE ASSIGNMENT JUDGE, Alberto Rivas, pursuant with the Supreme Court's January 6, 2020 ORDER designating all Prolene Hernia System case types as multicounty litigation ("MCL") for centralized management purposes in Civil Division, Atlantic County, and it appearing that these matters were active Products Liability cases in Middlesex Civil Division, and for good cause shown;

IT IS on this 21st day of January 2020:

ORDERED that the cases listed below shall be transferred to the Superior Court, Law Division, Atlantic County:

1. *MID L-6913-18* *LINDLY JAMES VS ETHICON, INC.*
2. *MID L-6965-18* *SENKEL WILLIAM VS ETHICON, INC.*
3. *MID L-6847-18* *GALVEZ MICHAEL VS ETHICON, INC.*
4. *MID L-6831-18* *DIAS ALEXSANDR VS ETHICON, INC.*
5. *MID L-6925-18* *LOTRIDGE ROBIN VS ETHICON, INC.*
6. *MID L-6934-18* *MAESTAS JOSEPH VS ETHICON, INC.*
7. *MID L-6936-18* *MATA RAUL VS ETHICON, INC.*
8. *MID L-6997-18* *SZAROLETA CHRISTOPHER VS ETHICON, INC.*

9. MID L-6806-18 BRISCOE ANTHONY VS ETHICON, INC.
10. MID L-6804-18 BRADFORD WILLIAM VS ETHICON, INC.
11. MID L-6890-18 JOHNSON HEATHER VS ETHICON, INC.
12. MID L-6940-18 MILLER RONALD VS ETHICON, INC.
13. MID L-6883-18 HENLEY JAMES VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
14. MID L-6998-18 TAVIAN MICHAEL VS ETHICON, INC.
15. MID L-6955-18 PEREZ NORA VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
16. MID L-6961-18 RIVAS ANGELINA VS ETHICON, INC.
17. MID L-6799-18 BOSTON COURTNEY VS ETHICON, INC.
18. MID L-6851-18 GODFREY HOLLY VS ETHICON, INC.
19. MID L-6822-18 CHAVIRA JUAN VS ETHICON, INC.
20. MID L-6994-18 SOARES CALVIN VS ETHICON, INC.
21. MID L-7007-18 WILSON DONALD VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
22. MID L-6992-18 SMITH TERRENCE VS ETHICON, INC.
23. MID L-6945-18 MOSKOWITZ SCOTT VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
24. MID L-6950-18 NEWMAN STEPHEN VS ETHICON, INC.
25. MID L-7055-18 STRAUSS NATHAN VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
26. MID L-7003-18 VINAS DANIEL VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
27. MID L-6795-18 BOLYARD GLENN VS ETHICON, INC.
28. MID L-6800-18 BOVINO EDWIN VS ETHICON, INC.
29. MID L-6943-18 MOSBY RUSSELL VS ETHICON, INC.
30. MID L-7013-18 ASTURI ANNETTE VS ETHICON, INC.
31. MID L-7016-18 BRAWLEY ANN VS ETHICON, INC.
32. MID L-7028-18 GUY LOUISE VS ETHICON, INC.

33. MID L-7038-18 MAHNE EDWARD VS ETHICON, INC.
34. MID L-7051-18 SHAW JERRY VS ETHICON, INC.
35. MID L-7049-18 PIERCE JERRY VS ETHICON, INC.
36. MID L-7044-18 NOMIKOS MICHAEL VS ETHICON, INC.
37. MID L-7020-18 CORGAN TRAVIS VS ETHICON, INC.
38. MID L-7032-18 HOLLAND JAMES VS ETHICON, INC.
39. MID L-7053-18 SNYDER RICK VS ETHICON, INC.
40. MID L-7011-18 ALGUACIL LEILA VS ETHICON, INC.
41. MID L-7031-18 HENRY TRACY VS ETHICON, INC.
42. MID L-7724-18 RIGNEY JONETTA VS ETHICON, INC.
43. MID L-7723-18 PEPPER TIMOTHY VS ETHICON, INC.
44. MID L-7721-18 HICKEY BARBIE VS ETHICON, INC.
45. MID L-6318-18 REED JAMES VS ETHICON, INC.
46. MID L-6687-18 GREENKLEPPER ROCHELLE VS ETHICON, INC.
47. MID L-7064-18 WHIPPLE CANDICE VS ETHICON, INC.
48. MID L-5208-19 CARLSON RICHARD VS ETHICON, INC.
49. MID L-7548-18 MULLINS JAMES VS ETHICON, INC.
50. MID L-7920-18 MARTINEZ TOBY VS ETHICON, INC.
51. MID L-7976-18 EIBEN CHRISTOPHER VS ETHICON, INC.
52. MID L-8312-18 FINE HOLLIE VS ETHICON, INC.
53. MID L-7993-18 BAILEY KENNETH VS ETHICON, INC.
54. MID L-8527-18 HAUSMAN ROBERT VS ETHICON, INC.
55. MID L-8497-18 WILSON JENNIFER VS ETHICON, INC.
56. MID L-344-19 MENE PAUL VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON

57. MID L-809-19 COOPER NICOLAS VS ETHICON, INC.
58. MID L-810-19 HAGER KAREN VS ETHICON, INC.
59. MID L-853-19 ROGGOW JOLEEN VS ETHICON, INC.
60. MID L-854-19 McDUFFIE GREGORY VS ETHICON, INC.
61. MID L-929-19 WILLIAMS STANLEY VS ETHICON, INC.
62. MID L-1015-19 JACKSON LEWIS VS ETHICON, INC.
63. MID L-1016-19 MCGREW KEITH VS ETHICON, INC.
64. MID L-1050-19 CONNELL PAUL VS ETHICON, INC.
65. MID L-1127-19 SIDDALL JAMES VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
66. MID L-1290-19 DAY JOSEPH VS ETHICON, INC.
67. MID L-1291-19 SINGER HERBERT VS ETHICON, INC.
68. MID L-1217-19 WATSON MARK VS ETHICON, INC.
69. MID L-1670-19 COLEMAN-JEFFERSON SARAH VS ETHICON, INC.
70. MID L-1726-19 OLSGARD GEORGIANN VS ETHICON, INC.
71. MID L-1765-19 MEDINA ROGELIO VS ETHICON, INC.
72. MID L-1825-19 TUELL GLENDA VS ETHICON, INC.
73. MID L-1824-19 CARIDI DALE VS ETHICON, INC.
74. MID L-1995-19 FOLLETTE FRANK VS ETHICON, INC.
75. MID L-1997-19 VOLQUARSEN JAMIE VS ETHICON, INC.
76. MID L-7659-19 ZWIEBEL JEFFREY VS ETHICON, INC.
77. MID L-2126-19 BELLHOUSE BARBARA VS ETHICON, INC.
78. MID L-2368-19 SELF JOEL VS ETHICON, INC.
79. MID L-2499-19 STONE LEWIS VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
80. MID L-7660-19 HILL HARLEY VS ETHICON, INC.


81. MID L-2710-19 WOJCIK DARRELL VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
82. MID L-2807-19 BROMLEY MARK VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
83. MID L-2993-19 GIOIA WILLIAM VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
84. MID L-3082-19 SCHNETZER CHRISTOPHER VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
85. MID L-3199-19 DODD TIMOTHY VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
86. MID L-3200-19 STANLEY WILLIAM VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
87. MID L-3201-19 YOST JEFFREY VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
88. MID L-3279-19 NEASE WILLIE VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
89. MID L-3298-19 HANTON PETER VS ETHICON, INC.
90. MID L-3299-19 CONLEY TONY VS ETHICON, INC.
91. MID L-3482-19 EVANS RODERICK VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
92. MID L-3543-19 ETTNER ERICK VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
93. MID L-3682-19 SLACZKA STANLEY VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
94. MID L-3775-19 HARRIS JAMES VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
95. MID L-3780-19 MONTERO MICHAEL VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
96. MID L-3737-19 BYLEY DAVID VS ETHICON, INC.
97. MID L-4049-19 MURPHY JOSEPH VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
98. MID L-4117-19 RITTER MARK VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
99. MID L-4189-19 LOSCHEN SHIRLEY VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
100. MID L-4242-19 MITCHELL PEGGY VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
101. MID L 4244-19 GRAVES ERNEST VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
102. MID L-4332-19 ROBERTSON LENNY VS ETHICON, INC.
103. MID L-4378-19 MORLEY KEITH VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON
104. MID L-4462-19 MARCUS ARLENE VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON

105. *MID L-4569-19 HERNANDEZ KATHY VS ETHICON, INC.*
106. *MID L-4568-19 MENDOZA ANTHONY VS ETHICON, INC.*
107. *MID L-4777-19 DODD KIRSTEN VS ETHICON, INC.*
108. *MID L-5356-19 JOSEPHS DOLORES VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
109. *MID L-5357-19 BARNES ROBERT VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
110. *MID L-5473-19 WALKER LINDA VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
111. *MID L-5574-19 MAGGARD SAUNDRA VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
112. *MID L-5652-19 GRANT, JR. VINCENT VS ETHICON, INC.*
113. *MID L-5788-19 PARSONS JAMES VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
114. *MID L-5881-19 LIND DALE VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
115. *MID L-5996-19 GRAVES RANDALL VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
116. *MID L-6029-19 WELDON TERRY VS ETHICON, INC.*
117. *MID L-6057-19 WUNROW JAMIE VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
118. *MID L-6148-19 TOWNER MICHAEL VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
119. *MID L-6610-19 TAYLOR RICHARD VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
120. *MID L-6724-19 ZAMORANO JUAN VS ETHICON, INC.*
121. *MID L-6915-19 POSTON PAUL VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
122. *MID L-6917-19 TEUNISSEN EMILY VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
123. *MID L-6918-19 WILLIAMS WILTON VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
124. *MID L-7158-19 CONCEPCION WILLIE VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
125. *MID L-7159-19 SWIECONEK MELANIE VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
126. *MID L-7247-19 COLLAZO VIMARY VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
127. *MID L-7249-19 O'LEARY SHANNON VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
128. *MID L-8204-19 MELVIN SCOTT VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*

- 129. *MID L-8494-18 WILHELM DEANNA VS ETHICON, INC.*
- 130. *MID L-8361-19 WOLMA JEFFREY VS ETHICON, INC.*
- 131. *MID L-8525-19 SMITH THOMAS VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
- 132. *MID L-8526-19 GELPI SHAWN VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
- 133. *MID L-8552-19 THAXTON PAMELA VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
- 134. *MID L-8553-19 DOBE MICHAEL VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
- 135. *MID L-8554-19 WALKER LATRICIA VS JOHNSON & JOHNSON*
- 136. *MID L-8664-19 TATE RANDALL VS ETHICON, INC.*

ORDERED that after transfer to Atlantic County, Civil Division the cases listed above that were designated as Products Liability cases shall be re-designated as case type 633, defined as Prolene Hernia System Mesh cases, and reassigned to Track Four, and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be served upon all parties who have not been electronically served through an approved Electronic Court System pursuant to Rule 1:32-2A, nor served personally in court.


ALBERTO RIVAS, A.J.S.C.

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

On application made pursuant to Rule 4:38A and the Multicounty Litigation Guidelines and Criteria for Designation (Revised) promulgated by Directive #02-19 in accordance with that Rule, it is hereby ORDERED that all pending and future New Jersey state court actions against Ethicon Inc. and Johnson & Johnson alleging injuries as a result of use of the **Prolene Hernia System (PHS)** be designated as multicounty litigation ("MCL") for centralized management purposes; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that any and all such complaints that have been filed in the various counties and that are under or are awaiting case management and/or discovery shall be transferred from the county of venue to the Superior Court, Law Division, Atlantic County and that, pursuant to N.J. Const. (1947), Art.VI, sec.2, par.3, the provisions of Rule 4:3-2 governing venue in the Superior Court are supplemented and relaxed so that all future such complaints, no matter where they might be venued, shall be filed in Atlantic County; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that Superior Court Judge John C. Porto shall oversee management and trial issues for such cases and may, in his discretion, return such cases to the original county of venue for disposition, and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that no Mediator or Master may be appointed in this litigation without the express prior approval of the Chief Justice.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: January 6, 2020