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HON. BRUCE J. KAPLAN, J.S.C.

IN RE ZOSTAVAX LITIGATION

LORI POWERS as Personal
Representative for the Estate of CAROL
HOWARTH (Deceased) v. MERCK & CO.,
INC., et al.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION – MIDDLESEX COUNTY

MCL NO.: 629

DOCKET NO.: MID-L-005315-20

ORDER

WHEREAS, Plaintiff, by and through their attorneys Marc J. Bern & Partners LLP, upon notice to all interested parties, has moved before this Court to substitute Plaintiff's heir, LORI POWERS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CAROL HOWARTH v. MERCK & CO., INC., et al. as Plaintiff in this matter, and the Court having read and considered the papers submitted in this matter, and for good cause shown;

IT IS on this 12th day of May, 2023;

ORDERED that the motion is **GRANTED**, and that the metadata and the caption in this matter shall reflect that Plaintiff is LORI POWERS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CAROL HOWARTH (Deceased), v. MERCK & CO., INC., et al., and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiff shall file and serve an Amended Complaint within fourteen (14) days of the date of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that service of this Order shall be deemed effectuated upon all parties upon its upload to eCourts. Pursuant to R. 1:5-1(a), movant shall serve a copy of this Order on all parties not served electronically within seven (7) days of the entry of the Order.

/s/ Bruce J. Kaplan
HONORABLE BRUCE J. KAPLAN, J.S.C.

UNOPPOSED

Having reviewed the within Motion, the Court finds it to be meritorious on its face, in compliance with R. 4:34-1, and unopposed. It therefore will be granted essentially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers in accordance with R. 1:6-2.