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DEBRA SMITH,

Plaintiff

vs

MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.,
et al.,

Defendants

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Docket No. MID-L-3324-20

**ORDER ADMITTING
KENNETH L. THOMPSON, ESQ.,
PRO HAC VICE**

WHEREAS, Defendants, Merck & Co., Inc. and Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., by and through its attorneys Fox Rothschild LLP, upon notice to all interested parties, has moved before this Court for admission *pro hac vice* of Kenneth L. Thompson, Esquire; and the Court having considered the papers submitted in support thereof; and the Court having found that Kenneth L. Thompson, Esquire, is a member in good standing before the bar of the highest Court of the State of Maryland, where he is domiciled and principally practices law; and for other good cause shown,

IT IS on this 8th day of March, 2021, hereby **ORDERED** that the motion is granted, and Kenneth L. Thompson, Esquire, is admitted to practice *pro hac vice* before this Court, pursuant to R. 1:21-2, for all purposes and in all proceedings in the same manner as an attorney who is admitted to practice in this State and is domiciled and maintains an office for the practice of law in the State of New Jersey, provided that each shall:

1. abide by the Rules of the Court for the State of New Jersey, including all disciplinary Rules;
2. consent to the appointment of the Clerk of the Supreme Court as an agent upon whom service of process may be made for all actions against him or his firm that may arise out of his participation in these cases;
3. notify the Court immediately of any matter affecting his standing at the bar of any Court; and
4. have all pleadings, briefs, and other papers filed in this Court signed by an attorney-at-law of this Court employed by the law firm of Fox Rothschild LLP who shall be responsible for them, for the conduct of the cause of Kenneth L. Thompson, Esquire.
5. not be designated as trial counsel and must be accompanied by a member of the New Jersey bar for all proceedings, unless specifically waived by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Kenneth L. Thompson, Esquire, shall make payment of all fees due to the State of New Jersey within 30 days of the entry of the pro hac vice Order allowing for admission and as provided in the New Jersey Rules of Court, R. 1:20-1(b), 1:28-2, and 1:28B-1(e).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that *pro hac vice* admission in the State of New Jersey shall automatically terminate for failure to make the initial payment required by R. 1:20-1(b), R. 1:28-1, and R. 1:28-2.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that service of this Order shall be deemed effectuated upon all parties upon its upload to e-Courts. Pursuant to Rule 1:5-1(a), movant shall serve a copy of this Order on all parties not served electronically within seven (7) days of the date of this Order.

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ORDER SUBMITTED UNDER 5 DAY RULE
AND WITH NO OPPOSITION BEING FILED.