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JOHN C. PORTO, J.S.C.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION: ATLANTIC COUNTY
MASTER CASE NO. ATL-L-794-19

CASE NO. 630

Civil Action

IN RE PROCEED MESH LITIGATION
(Proceed® Surgical Mesh and Proceed®
Ventral Patch Hernia Mesh)

**ORDER REGARDING *PRO HAC VICE*
ADMISSION AND APPEARANCES**

This matter having been opened to the Court by Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Liaison Counsel for Plaintiffs, and Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, LLP and McCarter & English, LLP, Co-Liaison Counsel for Defendants, formalizing and expounding on the Court’s ruling on the record at the February 18, 2021 Case Management Conference in the companion MCL In re Hernia Mesh/Prolene Hernia System, ATL-L-0173-20, Master Case No. 633, regarding acceptable practice and scope of *pro hac vice* admissions, and the Court having considered the Order; and good cause having been shown;

It is on this 31st day of March 2021,

ORDERED that attorneys not holding a plenary New Jersey license to practice law may, through their New Jersey counsel, seek to be admitted *pro hac vice* under the Master Docket Number for this Multi-County Litigation (“MCL”) by submitting an order through New Jersey counsel under the 5 day Rule. An order granting admission under the Master MCL docket number shall constitute permission to make appearances at depositions, court conferences, or other proceedings in any case that is a member of this MCL, without the need for filing a separate motion for *pro hac vice* admission, or the entry of a separate order, in the individual case docket.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no formal appearances need or should be filed on the electronic docket by counsel admitted *pro hac vice* in any individual case that is a member of this MDL, or in the master MCL docket.¹ Appearances as required in any individual case may be made on the record at a specific deposition, court conference, hearing or trial, with the consent of counsel of record to that individual case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the entry of a *pro hac vice* admission order under the Global MCL docket by any counsel for Plaintiff does not *ipso facto* create an attorney-client relationship with any party to any individual case that is a member of this MCL.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this order precludes the filing of a motion for *pro hac vice* admission, or order under the 5-day Rule, in any individual case that is a member of this MCL.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this order alters any prior or protocols orders governing the manner and timing by which the Court will accept and consider *pro hac vice* applications, including expressly that the Court may consider in lieu of a formal motion an order submitted under the 5-day Rule.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this order alters or changes the obligations of *pro hac vice* counsel to abide by and adhere to the obligations established by N.J. Ct. R. 1:21-2, CMO #1 entered on April 29, 2019, except insofar as the Court may consider orders for *pro hac vice* admission under the 5-day rule in lieu of formal motion.



HON. JOHN C. PORTO, J.S.C.

¹ By way of reminder to the parties, counsel admitted *pro hac vice* may not directly file documents; only New Jersey counsel of record are permitted and able to file documents on the docket.