

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**CHARLESTON DIVISION**

IN RE: ETHICON, INC.,  
PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 2327

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**THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO  
CIVIL ACTION NO.:**

**Adams, et al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.            2:16-cv-3814**

**PRETRIAL ORDER # 230  
(Initial Order Regarding Severance of Actions)**

The complaint filed in the above-referenced action joined multiple plaintiffs whose only apparent connection with one another is that they allege they were injured by a pelvic mesh product manufactured by defendants. I **FIND** that multiple plaintiff complaints, except those complaints in which only one individual alleges using a product manufactured by defendants but another derivative plaintiff is named as well (e.g. cases in which a spouse is asserting only a loss of consortium claim), should be severed. Accordingly, to resolve any misjoinder concerns and to facilitate the efficient administration of these actions, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Except for the first named plaintiff (and derivative plaintiff(s) claiming under her, if any) listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto, **and** any plaintiff(s) who objects to severance (see paragraph 7), the remaining plaintiffs in the aforementioned case shall be dismissed without prejudice on or around **May 11, 2016**.

2. Within thirty (30) days after the entry of this Pretrial Order (“PTO”), each individual plaintiff dismissed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this PTO who did not object to severance and any derivative plaintiff claiming under her, may file an individual severed complaint to continue the prosecution of the claims they alleged in the dismissed civil action. Each such plaintiff may choose to file in this court, a Short Form Complaint in the form available on the court’s website. **Each plaintiff is reminded of her obligation to comply with Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.**

3. Any Short Form Complaint filed by a severed plaintiff must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee, and assigned a separate civil action number determined by the Clerk.

4. Any severed plaintiff who wishes to name as defendants parties who are not listed in the current Master Long Form Complaint as defendants must file an individual complaint in the District Court where such action properly can be filed and await transfer by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (the “Panel”).

**5. Any re-filed action (whether filed in another district or in the Southern District of West Virginia) shall refer to the dismissed civil action number.** This information must be added to the Short Form Complaint immediately under the Civil Action Number or to the style of the long form complaint immediately under the Civil Action Number assigned by the Clerk in the district where the action is filed. (*See Exhibit B, attached hereto.*)

6. Any individual Complaint filed within the time provided by this PTO will be deemed to have been filed on and relate back to the original filing date of the applicable multi-plaintiff civil action. Any statute of limitations defense that existed as of the filing dates of the original multi-plaintiff complaints shall be preserved.

7. Any plaintiff(s) who objects to this PTO must do so within ten (10) days of entry of this PTO or by **May 6, 2016**. Such plaintiff should file her objections in the Southern District of West Virginia in the original multi-plaintiff case, with any objection not to exceed two (2) pages. Any plaintiff(s) who objects shall not be severed until such objection is resolved by the court.

8. The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to place a copy of this PTO in each re-filed action filed pursuant to this PTO that is directly filed in the Southern District and in each re-filed action filed pursuant to this PTO that is transferred by the Panel on the date the case is opened in the Southern District.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2:12-md-02327 and in member case **2:16-cv-3814** and it shall apply to each member related case previously transferred to, removed to, or filed in this district, which includes counsel in all member cases up to and including civil action number 2:16-cv-3902. In cases subsequently filed in this district, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action at the time of filing of the complaint. In cases subsequently removed or transferred to this court, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the clerk to counsel appearing in each new action upon removal or transfer. It shall be the responsibility of the parties to review and abide by all pretrial orders previously entered by the court. The orders may be accessed through the CM/ECF system or the court's website at [www.wvsd.uscourts.gov](http://www.wvsd.uscourts.gov).

ENTER: April 26, 2016



JOSEPH R. GOODWIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**MDL 2327 - EXHIBIT A**

<b>Plaintiffs</b>	<b>Originating District</b>	<b>Originating Case No.</b>	<b>SDWV – MDL Member Case No.</b>
Joyce Adams Joyce Kessinger Karla Faraci Donna Myer Sherry Cody Linda Botella Sally Campbell Christine Baldwin Kimberly Kalnbach Douglas Kalnbach Mary S. Latham-West Debbie Breehl Charlotte Davis Mabel Smith Donna Shatterly Margaret Butler Peggy Lee Brown Peggy Lee Brown Kimberly Holms Louann Haley Peggy Dickerson Vicki Couch Sandra Goglio Ruby Pond Karen Mantle Peggy Taylor Gina Wilson Paulette Sisson Tamara Walther Anita Bushnell Christina Zolinski Peggy Rozga Rita Teamer Joyner James Kellene Mosher Patricia Cruz Jessica Commodore Patrick Commodore Jamie Lindeman Mark Lindeman Laura Faulkner Suzanne Davis Lisa Rich	Texas Northern	3:16-cv-952	2:16-cv-3814

<b>Plaintiffs</b>	<b>Originating District</b>	<b>Originating Case No.</b>	<b>SDWV – MDL Member Case No.</b>
Sarah Spicer Judy O’Connell Leona Gutierrez Shirley Moss Patricia Guthrie Sandra Stiltner Joyce Fuller Herman Fuller Kelly Reed Evelyn Paine Diana Hutchings Deborah Snavely Loreena Judkins Linda Bays Grace Eldridge Lou Ward Lori Shelton John Shelton, III Teresa Wilkins Dorothy Rice Arlene Berglund Lisa Dinucci Angela Hibbs Janet Wyatt Theresa Joyner Kathy Barker Rebecca Corcoran Charlotte Searles Meloney Stutts Patricia Mejia Karen Martin Sandra Horst Elizabeth Lovell Loris Matthew Amber Ceniceros Pamela Dahmer Patricia Skinner San Juanita Zuniga Mary Jane Troyer Julia Doncel Vickie Cartwright Mary Brown Sandra Sumner Janis Bonaparte Jessica Smith	Texas Northern	3:16-cv-952	2:16-cv-3814

<b>Plaintiffs</b>	<b>Originating District</b>	<b>Originating Case No.</b>	<b>SDWV – MDL Member Case No.</b>
Gloria Wayem Connie Haley Pamela Lomax Emelda Zammett Susan Geier Dorothy Walsh Penny Bloxom Jeanne Vollbracht Patricia Mounce Debbie Shrum Jennifer Summerville LaDonna Stutesman Berth Brandon Harrison Patricia Taeya Clark Mary Robinson Santana Lopez Kelly Schmitt Susan Raygoza Melissa Eller Wanda Root Karen Jasinski Jacqueline Smith Patricia Ritter Krystal Bryant Verna Jones Yvonne McEwen Lisa Lapham Kimberly Farmer Judy Raulerson Lorraine Brock Beulah Van Camp Sharon Rabuck Rosalie Ruggiero Marie Sorey Cathy Allen Debra Elliott Christine Hamilton Clara Jackson Yolanda Cruz Catrese Jenkins Maira Perez Pauline Davilla Wanda Brinsfield Shirley Goodin	Texas Northern	3:16-cv-952	2:16-cv-3814

<b>Plaintiffs</b>	<b>Originating District</b>	<b>Originating Case No.</b>	<b>SDWV – MDL Member Case No.</b>
Anna Hall Helen Shepard Dianne Bobbitt Jane Regulinski Evelyn Martinez Lella Argyle Charlene Monaco Martin Joy Dacey Teasia Boone Nina Fleagle Maralyn Castillo Rebecca Maxwell Lily Pantoja Mamie Osborne Ellen Skowronek Elissa Wolfe Suzanne Smith Gena George Joann Hebel Tiffany Goss Jackie Callahan Linda Lundell Ida Rowser Betty Bauer Shirley Hedrick Karen Nichols Virginia Garcia Barbara Pritchett Margaret Darby Stacy Worley Mima Edwards Peggy Rubin Lurdes Olague Crystal Hibdon Rebecca Hendricks Barbara Acuff Daisy Beasley Judy Irvin Christy Rouse Gloria Steelman	Texas Northern	3:16-cv-952	2:16-cv-3814

**Exhibit B**

**I. For Directly Filed Cases:**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**CHARLESTON DIVISION**

***In Re: Ethicon Inc., Pelvic Repair System Products Liability Litigation  
MDL No. 2327***

**Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Severed from Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_)**

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**SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**



**II. For All Other Cases:**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**TABATHA ARNOLD, et al.**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Severed from SDWV Civil Action  
No. \_\_\_\_\_)**

**JOHNSON & JOHNSON, et al.,**

**Defendants.**

**COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND**