

**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.:**

**Murrillo, et al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.      2:16-cv-3847**

**PRETRIAL ORDER # 231  
(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.*)

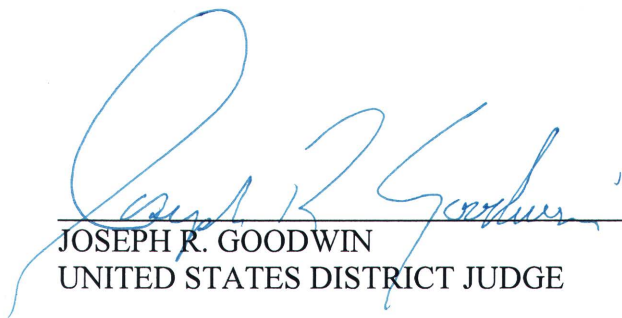
6. Any individual Complaint filed within the time provided by this PTO will be deemed to have been filed on and relate back to the original filing date of the applicable multi-plaintiff civil action. Any statute of limitations defense that existed as of the filing dates of the original multi-plaintiff 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-3847** 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

  
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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>
Martha Murillo Kathleen Bates Jamie Anzaldua Michelle Jackson Odis Payne Donna Neill Cheryl Biederstadt Monica Lorenz Bonnie Konrad Linda Bandy Debra Manderfield Gale Mitchell Angela Reed-Smartt Lorraine Spivey Christine Belcher Janet Stagray Gertrude Escalona Justo Carla Anne Owen Linda Brooks Tammy Hawkes Hilda Crabtree Teresa Smith Linda Butler Ginger Ostendorf Cathy Choate Linda Tursic Jane Robinson Veronica Kelly Carolyn Lilly Melody VanDenBeldt Deborah Kleek Eva Corcoran Margaret Colbert Rhoda Elliott Sylvia Quintana Gloria Morsell Edwina Rose Terri Ballard Carolyn Wall Sheri Izworski Barbour Cris Sprouse George Izworski Anna Hanbury	Texas Northern	3:16-cv-955	2:16-cv-3847

<b>Plaintiffs</b>	<b>Originating District</b>	<b>Originating Case No.</b>	<b>SDWV – MDL Member Case No.</b>
David Hanbury Rebecca Shaw Eugenia Bender Larry Bender Glendia Ezell Shontelle Smith Hazel King Faust Madeline Taylor Peggy Young Helen Hunt Cynthia Rawlings Leta Wilson Denise Fontaine Brooke Woodman Constance Chapman LaDonna Terrell Stephanie Whittington Sandra Neace Denise Balko Mary Armour Teonia Atkinson Denis Davis Brenda Herndon Kimberly Magruder Kim Price Marlynn Rodriguez Dawn Schrock Shirley Scieszka Renea Semeneck Brandy Shafer Leona Mahoney Peggy Palomarez Victoria Kingston Mary Webster Hope Tippens Pauline Hunter Deborah Omellette Darlene Morgan Sharolynn Crutchfield Mary Toler Donnis Townsend Beckie Rader Rhonda Moore Barbara Fishburn Cynthia Brewer	Texas Northern	3:16-cv-955	2:16-cv-3847

<b>Plaintiffs</b>	<b>Originating District</b>	<b>Originating Case No.</b>	<b>SDWV – MDL Member Case No.</b>
Annmarie Allie Daisy Tolen Wanda Williams Billie Christopher Judith Pojda Edith Kruh Betty Dye Elaine Jacoby Kennetha Curtis Holli Madsen Donna Clifford Diane Thompson Madeline Allen Linda Belile Jessica McBath Peggy Hallman Susan Adams Joyce Kurtz Robin Bowen Sheila Calvert Elaine Wood Carney West Linda Campbell Paula Robinson Leticia Santiago Jane Harvey Betty Gouge Becky Gonder Dawnette Franco-Wright Charlotte Pemelton Laura Heckman Alanna Manning Judith Clarke Shirley Fischer Angela Mausert Tally Chang Connie Napier Terri Luther Kathy Hickey Mary Canter Kathy Hughes Ruth Diefenderfer Madalena Lovato Cheryl Cole June Bowen	Texas Northern	3:16-cv-955	2:16-cv-3847

<b>Plaintiffs</b>	<b>Originating District</b>	<b>Originating Case No.</b>	<b>SDWV – MDL Member Case No.</b>
Lorie Wilsey Betty Colburn Jennifer Warren Genevieve Moreno Kathy Simpson Valerie Weston Mary Krall Shawanda Gallow Karen Shepard Elizabeth Klein Marion Copeland Patty Ackman Yvonne Helton Kelly Pennacchini Carol Tigar Teresa Hartman Karen Marques Glenna Black Shelby Bankston Cynthia Starnes Gail Zann Brenda Winter Dorothy Avery Earnestine Scriven Carolyn Davis Roberta Cordova Catherine Scandlon Nancy Massie Joan Shepherd Sarah Lugo Mary Lou Dehart Effie Crowder Margaret Lafollette Shenelle Perry Bernice Mack Sharon Ingram Mary Helen Barrera Elizabeth Thompson Dana Rocha Ghedra Dunn Theresa Dallas Antoinette Lepore Marcia Williams Susan Lowry Jill Beaver	Texas Northern	3:16-cv-955	2:16-cv-3847

<b>Plaintiffs</b>	<b>Originating District</b>	<b>Originating Case No.</b>	<b>SDWV – MDL Member Case No.</b>
Shirley Spuehler Marcia Derosier Tammy Platzek Jodine Betrozoff-Rubey Maria Agosto Deloris Kennedy Elaine Whitaker Melonie Shultz Leticia Villa Sharon Sowers Debra Bustillo Leona Martin Pamela Boles Laura Burks Rochelle Cobenais Nancy Weckman Gerri Moore Charla English Elsie Arb Helene Lebied Kimberly Archuleta Laura Rodriguez Mary Greco Theresa Galano-Burkett Brenda Pye Norma Setum	Texas Northern	3:16-cv-955	2:16-cv-3847



**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**