## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

## **CHARLESTON DIVISION**

IN RE: C. R. BARD INC.,

PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM : MDL No. 2187

PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

:

Judge Joseph R. Goodwin

## PRETRIAL ORDER # 292 (Order Establishing Qualified Settlement Fund and Appointing Administrator)

Upon motion of Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P. ("Lockridge Grindal") requesting the Court to enter an Order establishing a qualified settlement fund pursuant to Internal Revenue Code § 468B and Treasury Regulations § 1.468B-1 et seq. and appointing an administrator for the purpose of facilitating the settlement of certain tort claims against Covidien entities ("Covidien") relating to certain alleged Covidien Pelvic Product-related injuries ("Covidien claims"), to which Covidien does not object, and for good cause shown, the court hereby FINDS and ORDERS:

- 1. The Unopposed Motion to Establish Qualified Settlement Fund and Appoint Administrator [ECF No. 6378] is approved.
- 2. The Lockridge Grindal Covidien Settlement Fund ("QSF") is established as a qualified settlement fund within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code § 468B and Treasury Regulations § 1.468B-1 et seq. by Order of this Court and shall remain subject to the continuing jurisdiction of this Court until its purposes have been accomplished and the QSF is dissolved.
- 3. Providio MediSolutions, LLC ("*Providio*") is appointed as the administrator ("*Administrator*") of the QSF. The Administrator shall serve without bond.

The Administrator shall have the authority to conduct any and all activities necessary to administer the QSF and shall administer the QSF in accordance with the terms,

conditions, and restrictions set forth in the Motion, Confidential Master Settlement Agreement

("MSA"), and Lockridge Grindal Covidien Escrow Agreement between Lockridge Grindal and

Providio.

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5. The Administrator is authorized, upon final distribution of all monies paid into the QSF

and allocated to Claimants, to take appropriate steps to wind down the QSF, and thereafter shall be

discharged from any further responsibility with respect to the QSF.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2:10-md-2187 and it shall apply to

each member related case previously transferred to, removed to, or filed in this district where applicable,

which includes counsel in all member cases up to and including civil action number 2:18-cv-01059. 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.

ENTER: September 10, 2018

JOSEPH R. GOODWIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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