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

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: Judge Joseph R. Goodwin

PRETRIAL ORDER # 318 (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, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

- 1. The Unopposed Motion to Establish Qualified Settlement Fund and Appoint Administrator [ECF No. 7605] is **GRANTED**.
- 2. The Lockridge Grindal Covidien II 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. ARCHER Systems, LLC ("Archer") is appointed as the administrator ("Administrator") of the QSF. The Administrator shall serve without bond.
- 4. 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 II Escrow Agreement between Lockridge Grindal and Archer.

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.

ENTER: June 18, 2020

JOSEPH R. GOODWIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE