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                   IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
               FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
 2
                              AT CHARLESTON
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     IN RE: ETHICON, INC., PELVIC REPAIR
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     SHARON BOGGS, ET AL.,
 5
                           Plaintiffs.
                                            Civil Action No.
                                             2:12-cv-00368
                     - VS -
6
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                          Defendants.
7
     CAROL JEAN DIMOCK
8
                                            Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff,
                                            2:12-cv-00401
                     - VS -
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
9
                           Defendants.
10
     HARRIET BEACH,
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                                           ) Civil Action No.
                          Plaintiff,
                                             2:12-cv-00476
                     - VS -
12
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                         Defendants.
13
     NANCY HOOPER, ET AL.,
14
                                            Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiffs,
                                            2:12-cv-00492
                     - VS -
15
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                          Defendants.
16
     DINA BENNETT,
17
                                            Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff,
                                             2:12-cv-00497
                     - VS -
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
18
                          Defendants.
19
     KRYSTAL TEASLEY,
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                                            Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff,
                                            2:12-cv-00500
                     - VS -
21
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                          Defendants.
22
     MARIA C. STONE, ET AL.,
23
                                           ) Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiffs,
                                            2:12-cv-00652
                      - VS -
24
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                          Defendants.
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     ANA RUEBEL,
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                                              Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff,
                                              2:12-cv-00663
                      - VS -
 3
      ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                           Defendants.
 4
      DONNA LOUSTAUNAU,
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                                              Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff,
                                              2:12-cv-00666
                      - VS -
 6
      ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                           Defendants.
 7
      BARBARA VIGNOS-WARE, ET AL.,
 8
                           Plaintiffs,
                                             Civil Action No.
                                              2:12-cv-00761
                      - VS -
 9
      ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                           Defendants.
10
      DEE McBRAYER, ET AL.,
11
                                              Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiffs.
                                              2:12-cv-00779
                      - VS -
      ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
12
                           Defendants.
13
      TERESA GEORGILAKIS, ET AL.,
14
                           Plaintiffs,
                                             Civil Action No.
                                             2:12-cv-00829
                      - VS -
15
      ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                           Defendants.
16
      JANET SMITH, ET AL.,
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                                              Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiffs,
                                              2:12-cv-00861
                      - VS -
      ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
18
                           Defendants.
19
     LOIS HOY, ET AL.,
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                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiffs,
                                              2:12-cv-00876
                      - VS -
      ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
21
                           Defendants.
22
      SHERRY FOX, ET AL.,
23
                           Plaintiffs,
                                             Civil Action No.
                                              2:12-cv-00878
                      - VS -
24
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
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                           Defendants.
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     DONNA MASSEY, ET AL.,
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                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiffs,
                                             2:12-cv-00880
                      - VS -
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
 3
                           Defendants.
 4
     JULIE WROBLE, ET AL.,
 5
                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiffs,
                                             2:12-cv-00883
                      - VS -
 6
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                           Defendants.
 7
     BARBARA KAISER,
 8
                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff,
                                             2:12-cv-00887
                      - VS -
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
 9
                           Defendants.
10
     JOYCE JUSTUS,
11
                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff.
                                             2:12-cv-00956
                      - VS -
12
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                          Defendants.
13
     BETTY FUNDERBURKE.
14
                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff,
                                             2:12-cv-00957
                      - VS -
15
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                           Defendants.
16
     VIRGINIA WHITE, ET AL.,
17
                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiffs,
                                             2:12-cv-00958
                      - VS -
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
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                           Defendants.
19
     JACKIE FRYE,
20
                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff.
                                             2:12-cv-01004
                      - VS -
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
21
                           Defendants.
22
     DONNA HANKINS, ET AL.,
23
                           Plaintiffs,
                                             Civil Action No.
                                             2:12-cv-01011
                      - VS -
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     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                           Defendants.
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     PATRICIA RUIZ.
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                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff,
                                             2:12-cv-01021
                      - VS -
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
 3
                           Defendants.
 4
     CONSTANCE DAINO, ET AL.,
 5
                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiffs,
                                             2:12-cv-01145
                      - VS -
 6
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                          Defendants.
 7
     CINDY SMITH,
 8
                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff,
                                             2:12-cv-01149
                      - VS -
 9
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                           Defendants.
10
     PATTI ANN PHELPS, ET AL.,
11
                                           ) Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiffs.
                                             2:12-cv-01171
                      - VS -
12
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                          Defendants.
13
     DIANE KROPF.
14
                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff,
                                             2:12-cv-01202
                      - VS -
15
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                           Defendants.
16
     JOAN ADAMS,
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                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff,
                                             2:12-cv-01203
                     - VS -
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
18
                          Defendants.
19
     CYNTHIA NIX,
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                                             Civil Action No.
                           Plaintiff,
                                             2:12-cv-01278
                      - VS -
21
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
                           Defendants.
22
     DINA DESTEFANO-RASTON.
23
                                           ) Civil Action No.
                          Plaintiff,
                                             2:12-cv-01299
                      - V S -
     ETHICON, INC.; JOHNSON & JOHNSON
24
                           Defendants.
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1	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
2	BEFORE THE HONORABLE MAGISTRATE JUDGE CHERYL A. EIFERT TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Hello. This is Laura, Judge
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     Eifert's judicial assistant, and I would first like to
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     confirm our court reporter today, Mary Schweinhagen, is on
 5
     the line?
               COURT REPORTER: I'm here, Laura. Thank you.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you, Mary.
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          First I would like counsel for Ethicon, please identify
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     yourself.
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               MR. THOMAS: David Thomas and Phil Combs, Thomas,
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     Combs & Spann. That's all.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Yes, thank you.
13
          What I will do now is call each case, and as we call
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     the case, plaintiffs' counsel, please identify yourself.
15
          Sherry Boggs, et al., case number 2:12-cv-368.
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               MS. BAGGETT: Kate, or, I am sorry, Laura, this is
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     Renee Baggett for the plaintiffs.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Yes.
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               MS. BAGGETT: I believe that there may have been
20
     some confusion getting the other party -- the plaintiffs'
21
     counsel on the line. I'll let them speak up if there are
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     any --
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               MR. PEREIRA: Yes.
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               MS. BAGGETT: -- but from what I understood was --
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     I'm sorry?
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               MR. PEREIRA: This is Andres Pereira from the
 2
     Mueller Law firm on behalf of Sharon Boggs.
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               MS. BAGGETT: If we could --
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Okay. Wait one moment,
 5
     please.
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          The gentleman who has just identified yourself, would
7
     you please repeat your name?
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               MR. PEREIRA: Yes, ma'am. Hi, Laura. This is
9
     Andres Pereira from the Mueller Law Firm on behalf of Sharon
10
     Boggs.
11
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
12
          Now continue, Renee.
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               MS. BAGGETT: I apologize. Some of the firms may
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     have been under the impression that this was a uniform
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     concern where this -- our office could cover for everyone,
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     so there may be a few that don't appear on the phone, but I
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     will be speaking on behalf of those firms.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Okay, thank you. I will
19
     continue to read each case for the benefit of the court
20
     reporter and the transcript, and we'll just continue.
21
          So the next one would be Carol Dimock, 2:12-cv-401.
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               MS. BOWMAN: (Telephone interference) for Carol
23
     Dimock.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Did you say Elizabeth Bowman?
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               MS. BOWMAN: Yes, Bowman, B-O-W-M-A-N.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you. Good morning.
 2
          Next case, Harriet Beach, case number 2:12-cv-476.
 3
               MS. ESKIN: Good morning, Laura. This is Amy
     Eskin, E-S-K-I-N, for the plaintiff.
 4
 5
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
6
          Nancy Hooper, et al., case number 2:12-cv (telephone
7
     interference).
8
               COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, Laura, could you
9
     repeat that? Someone has --
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Yes. Nancy Hooper, et al.,
11
     case number 2:12-cv-493.
12
               COURT REPORTER: Thank you.
13
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Dina Bennett, case number
14
     2:12-cv-497.
15
          Krystal Teasley, case number 2:12-cv-500.
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          Maria Stone, et al., case number 2:12-cv-652.
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          Ana Ruebel, case number 2:12-cv-663.
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               MS. BEYEA-SCHROEDER: Karen Beyea-Schroeder,
19
     Fleming, Nolen & Jez, on behalf of plaintiff.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: I apologize. Would you
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     please repeat your name one more time.
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               MS. BEYEA-SCHROEDER: Sure. Karen, K-A-R-E-N.
                                                                My
23
     last name is Beyea-Schroeder. It's spelled B, as in "boy,"
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     E-Y-E-A, hyphen, S-C-H-R-O-E-D-E-R.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
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               MS. BEYEA-SCHROEDER: Thank you.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
 3
          Donna Loustaunau, case number 2:12-cv-666.
 4
          Barbara Vignos-Ware, et al., case number 2:12-cv-761.
 5
               MR. SPARKS: This is Mark Sparks from the Mostyn
6
     Law Firm for that plaintiff.
7
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
8
          Dee McBrayer, et al., case number 2:12-cv-779.
9
               MS. ROBINSON: Good morning. This is Amanda
10
     Robinson for the plaintiff.
11
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
12
          Teresa -- and I am probably not going to pronounce this
13
     correctly -- Georgilakis, case number 2:12-cv-829.
14
               MR. PEREIRA: Hi. Andres Pereira on behalf of
15
     Ms. Georgilakis.
16
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
17
          Janet Smith, et al., case number 2:12-CV-861.
18
               MS. ESKIN: Good morning again, Laura. Amy Eskin
19
     for the plaintiff.
20
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
21
          Lois Hoy, et al., case number 2:12-cv-876.
22
          Sherry Fox, et al., case number 2:12-c-878.
23
               MR. CASPERSON: This is Clint Casperson for the
24
     Fox plaintiffs.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Would you repeat your last
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     name please.
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               MR. CASPERSON: Casperson, C-A-S-P-E-R-S-O-N.
 3
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
 4
          Donna Massey, et al., case number 2:12-cv-880.
 5
               MS. O'DELL: This is Leigh O'Dell for the Masseys.
 6
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
 7
          Julie Wroble, et al., case number 2:12-cv-883.
 8
          Barbara Kaiser, case number 2:12-cv-887.
9
          Joyce Justus, case number 2:12-cv-956.
10
          Betty Funderburke, case number 2:12-cv-957.
          Virginia White, et al., case number 2:12-cv-958.
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12
          Jackie Frye, case number 2:12-cv-1004.
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               MS. HIRSCH: Andrea Hirsch for the plaintiff,
14
     Ms. Frye.
15
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
16
          Donna Hankins, et al., case number 2:12-cv-1011.
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               MR. PEREIRA: Andres Pereira on behalf of
18
     plaintiff.
19
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
20
          Patricia Ruiz, case number 2:12-cv-1021.
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               MS. BAGGETT: Renee Baggett on behalf of
22
     plaintiffs.
23
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you, Renee.
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          Constance Daino, case number 2:12-cv-1145.
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          Cindy Smith, case number 2:12-cv-1149.
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          Patti Ann Phelps, et al., case number 2:12-cv-1171.
 2
          Diane Kropf, et al., case number 2:12-cv-1202.
 3
          Joan Adams, case number 2:12-cv-1203.
 4
               MR. PRICE: This is Robert Price with Levin
 5
     Papantonio for Ms. Adams.
 6
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
 7
          Cynthia Nix, case number 2:12-cv-1278.
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               MR. HENDERSON: Jay --
9
               MS. CAUSEY: Lisa --
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               MR. HENDERSON: -- Henderson with the Fibich firm
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     for Ms. Nix.
12
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: I'm sorry --
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               MS. CAUSEY: Lisa Causey --
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Wait one moment, please.
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     gentleman that just responded, would you please repeat your
16
     name?
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               MR. HENDERSON: Jay Henderson, H-E-N-D-E-R-S-O-N.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
19
          And then someone else spoke up?
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               MS. CAUSEY: Yes, Lisa Causey, C-A-U-S-E-Y.
21
               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Thank you.
22
          And, finally, Dina Destefano-Raston, et al., case
23
     number 2:12-cv-1299.
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               MR. PEREIRA: Andres Pereira on behalf of
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     plaintiffs.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: All right. Thank you.
 2
          The phone call is concerning defendant's motion to
 3
     compel production of pathology slides, and if everyone would
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     please hold one moment for Judge Eifert.
               MR. PEREIRA: Laura? Laura?
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Yes.
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               MR. PEREIRA: I also have Nancy Hooper and Krystal
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     Teasley. I don't know if you called out those names or not.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: I did early on. Who is
     speaking, please?
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               MR. PEREIRA: This is Andres Pereira.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: Yes, I did call their cases.
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     I went in sequential order as opposed to alphabetical order.
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     But, yes, I did call those.
15
          So at this point, let --
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               MR. PEREIRA: Okav. Thank vou.
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               JUDICIAL ASSISTANT: You are welcome.
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          Let me remind everyone that when you are speaking or
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     responding to the Judge, please identify yourself for the
20
     sake of the court reporter and the transcript.
21
          One moment.
22
               THE COURT: Good morning.
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               RESPONSE: Good morning, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Thank you all for making time this
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     morning because I know you thought you had this all
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     resolved, and I think you do. I just wanted to make sure we
 2
     were all on the same page about a couple of things.
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          First of all, I understand that the plaintiffs have
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     agreed to send the slides to Ethicon, so that issue is
 5
     resolved, and that will be done as quickly as possible.
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          But what I wanted to talk to you about was the rest of
7
     the motion had to do with the extension of time, and I want
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     to make it just very clear that I cannot grant that part of
9
     the motion. So when I'm going through these motions and I
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     am entering my order, I am going to grant the motion in part
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     and deny the motion in part. And the reason I am denying
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     that is I had a conversation with Judge Goodwin yesterday,
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     and he made it very, very, very clear to me, there is
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     absolutely no wiggle room in these dates. He is not going
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     to grant any kind of extensions.
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          I understand, Mr. Combs, your point that it won't
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     affect the discovery deadlines, and I think that's the most
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     important point, that it's not going to affect the discovery
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     deadlines. So I think you can go ahead and have your own
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     off-the-record agreement to this extension, but I cannot
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     grant you an extension. Do you understand?
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               MR. COMBS: Yes, Your Honor.
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               COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Who was that that
24
     spoke?
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               THE COURT: I'm sorry?
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               COURT REPORTER: I don't know who that was that
 2
     said "Yes, Your Honor."
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               THE COURT: Yes, that was Phil Combs, I believe.
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          Wasn't that you, Mr. Combs?
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               MR. COMBS: Yes, Your Honor, it was Phil Combs.
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               THE COURT: So I just wanted to make sure that
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     when you got my orders, that everybody understood what I was
8
     doing. I didn't want someone to be alarmed when they saw
9
     that I denied that aspect of it.
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          I do also want you to know that I told him about the
11
     problem that there might be in getting all of the reports
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     done by the March 2nd deadline. And his response to that
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     was, well, you know, if there is a problem and the problem
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     is due to the slides not being forwarded as they should have
15
     been, then maybe no one will be able to use the slides.
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          So what I think he is trying to say indirectly is that
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     we just all need to work together and get it resolved.
18
     the point being that you can have this agreement and not
19
     raise any objection to the defendants' report being late,
20
     but it's not going to be on the record as an official
21
     extension.
22
          0kay?
23
               MR. PEREIRA: Your Honor, with regards to sharing
24
     the slides that Dr. Iakovlev has reviewed or has created --
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     this is Andres Pereira, by the way, from Mueller Law. I
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just wanted to confirm that the defendant's expert won't be
doing anything destructive to the slides and that the slides
will be returned to the plaintiffs after the defense expert
has reviewed them.
         THE COURT: Response?
          MR. THOMAS: David Thomas, Your Honor, for
Ethicon.
         And that's correct.
         MR. PEREIRA:
                       Okay.
         THE COURT: Okay. All right. Thank --
         MR. THOMAS: Your Honor? Your Honor?
          THE COURT: Yes?
          MR. THOMAS: This is David Thomas for Ethicon.
just want to raise this while we have you on the line as
well as plaintiffs' counsel. We have six weeks to complete
the plaintiffs' expert depositions and the defense expert
depositions. Ethicon has requested dates for plaintiffs'
experts, and the sooner, the better because the end of March
is going to be busy by anybody's estimation. And I foresee
that we may need the Court's help on these kind of issues
and just wanted to alert, we'll be back to you.
          THE COURT: Well, please do, because, as I said,
it was made abundantly clear to me yesterday that there are
not going to be any more changes of the deadlines or any
changes of these deadlines. Judge Goodwin said -- and it's
not just because of this particular wave but because of all
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     of the other things he has scheduled, he really has no
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     wiggle room. He has no room to change any of these dates.
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     So we are stuck with these dates. So if you need help, the
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     sooner you get to me, the faster we can get the things
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     resolved and the more likely you will make these deadlines.
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     So just let me know. I'll be around.
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               MR. THOMAS: Thank you, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right. Thank you all.
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               RESPONSE: Thank you, Your Honor.
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          (Hearing concluded at 11:15 a.m.)
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