

**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

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

MARINA RAMIREZ, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. 2:20-cv-00116
Judge Goodwin

ETHICON, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

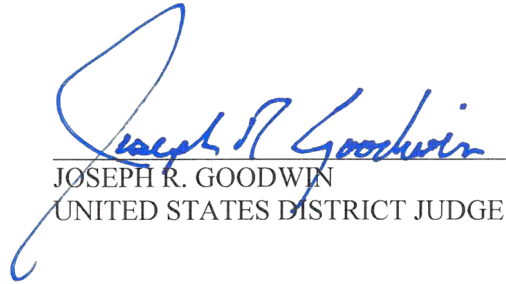
MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

On February 10, 2020, plaintiffs directly filed a Short Form Complaint in this court despite Pretrial Order (“PTO”) # 304 ordering that “plaintiffs may no longer direct file claims against Ethicon, Inc. or Johnson & Johnson in the Ethicon MDL (as set forth in PTO #118) or in any other pelvic mesh MDL assigned to the court[.]” See *In re: Ethicon, Inc. Pelvic Repair Sys. Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 2:12-md-2327 (“MDL 2327”) filed on June 21, 2018 [ECF # 6033]. On June 20, 2018, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation entered a Minute Order Suspending Rule 7.1(a), requiring notification to the Clerk of the Panel of potential tag-along actions. *Id* at ECF # 6031. Both orders effectively disallow the direct filing or transfer of any new actions in MDL 2327. If plaintiffs wish to proceed, they must file the action in the appropriate jurisdiction.

The court **ORDERS** that this civil action be **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** and **STRICKEN** from the docket.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to counsel of record and any unrepresented party.

ENTER: February 11, 2020



JOSEPH R. GOODWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE