## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Chambers of **DONOVAN W. FRANK** DISTRICT JUDGE

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December 16, 2014

## **BY U.S. MAIL**

Mr. Sammy Porterfield 1380 Pennington Road Philadelphia, PA 19151

Re: In re: STRYKER REJUVENATE AND ABGII HIP IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION
MDL No. 13-2441 (DWF/FLN)

Hattie Hilliard; Jerrico Alexander; Virginia Hunter; George Johnson; Teresa Marshall; Sammy Porterfield; Kristina Reed; Charlotte Smith; Jocelyn Strohm; and James Taumby v. Stryker Corporation, Howmedica Osteonics d/b/a Stryker Orthopaedics, and Stryker Sales Corporation Civil No. 14-2558 (DWF/FLN)

**Application to Withdraw as Counsel** 

Dear Mr. Porterfield:

On December 3, 2014, your attorneys filed an application to withdraw as your counsel of record in the above-entitled matter. Before I rule on that application, I am giving you a chance to respond in writing to let me know if you oppose or support the application. If you wish to respond, please do so within one week of receipt of this letter. You may send your response to me by mail (Honorable Donovan W. Frank, 724 Warren E. Burger Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 316 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101); by fax (651-848-1292); or by e-mail (frank\_chambers@mnd.uscourts.gov). For your convenience, I am including a copy of the application for your review.

I am electronically filing a copy of this letter so that Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel and Defendants' attorneys will receive a copy of this letter. By this letter, I am also giving those attorneys one week to support or oppose the application by electronically filing their statement and mailing a copy of their statement to you. By this letter, I am also requesting that your attorneys verify that you have received a copy of this letter.

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After I receive the responses to the application to withdraw, if any, I will either rule on the application based on the papers submitted or schedule a telephone conference to discuss the application.

Very truly yours,

s/Donovan W. Frank

DONOVAN W. FRANK United States District Judge

DWF:rlb Enclosure

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