UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In re: STRYKER REJUVENATE AND ABG II HIP IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Harvey Lawson,

Plaintiff,

v. Civil No. 15-2187 (DWF/FLN)

Stryker Corporation, Howmedica Osteonics d/b/a Stryker Orthopaedics, and Stryker Sales Corporation,

Defendants.

MDL No. 13-2441 (DWF/FLN)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF RECORD WITHOUT SUBSTITUTION FOR PLAINTIFF HARVEY LAWSON

On February 14, 2017, Harvey Lawson's counsel Richard R. Schlueter of

Childers, Schlueter & Smith, L.L.C filed a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel (Civil

No. 15-2187 (DWF/FLN), Doc. No. 6).¹ In a letter dated February 23, 2017, the Court

allowed Lawson to respond in writing to the motion. (Doc. No. 7.) As of the date of this

Order, the Court has not received a written response from Lawson regarding the

withdrawal of counsel.

"An attorney who seeks to withdraw otherwise than under LR 83.7(a) or (b) must move to withdraw and must show good cause," and "[t]he attorney must notify his or her

¹ Plaintiff's counsel filed the Motion to Withdraw as Counsel in only the individual case (Civil No. 15-2187 (DWF/FLN), Doc. No. 6). The Motion should have been also filed in the master case, MDL 13-2441 (DWF/FLN).

client of the motion." D.Minn. LR 83.7(c). Based on a review of the file, the Court finds that good cause exists to allow Childers, Schlueter & Smith, L.L.C. to withdraw from representing Lawson and that Lawson has been given notice of Childers, Schlueter & Smith, L.L.C.'s motion.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Childers, Schlueter & Smith, L.L.C.'s Motion to Withdraw as Counsel (Civil No. 15-2187 (DWF/FLN), Doc. No. [6]) is **GRANTED**.

2. Childers, Schlueter & Smith, L.L.C., shall inform Lawson of the substance of this Order (by U.S. Mail) and provide him with the contact information for the Stryker Lead Counsel Committee. It shall also provide Lawson with his file and all case documents, at no cost to him.

3. Childers, Schlueter & Smith, L.L.C., shall provide Defendants and Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel Committee with Lawson current contact information, including mailing address, telephone numbers, and e-mail address.

4. The Clerk of Court shall mail a copy of this Order to Harvey Lawson at 3974 Allenwood Way, Tucker, GA 30084 and shall docket his contact information as the same.

Dated: June 21, 2017

<u>s/Donovan W. Frank</u> DONOVAN W. FRANK United States District Judge