

UNITED STATES JUDICIAL PANEL
on
MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

IN RE: ETHICON, INC., POWER MORCELLATOR
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Ward v. Ethicon, Inc., et al.,)
M.D. Pennsylvania, C.A. No. 4:15-01893)

MDL No. 2652

ORDER LIFTING STAY OF CONDITIONAL TRANSFER ORDER
AND VACATING THE JANUARY 28, 2016, HEARING SESSION ORDER

A conditional transfer order was filed in this action (*Ward*) on October 16, 2015. Prior to expiration of that order's 7-day stay of transmittal, defendants Johnson & Johnson, Johnson & Johnson Services, Ethicon, Inc., and Ethicon Endo-Surgery Inc., filed a notice of opposition to the proposed transfer. Defendants later filed a motion and brief to vacate the conditional transfer order. The Panel has now been advised that defendants have withdrawn their opposition to transfer.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the stay of the Panel's conditional transfer order designated as "CTO-1" filed on October 16, 2015, is LIFTED insofar as it relates to this action. The action is transferred to the District of Kansas for inclusion in the coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings under 28 U.S.C. § 1407 being conducted by the Honorable Kathryn H. Vratil.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Hearing Session Order and the attached Schedule filed on December 16, 2015, are VACATED insofar as they relate to this matter.

FOR THE PANEL:


Jeffery N. Luthi
Clerk of the Panel