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APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Jean H. Toal, Circuit Court Judge

Civil Action Nos. 2018-CP-10-00790 & 2018-CP-10-02899

Mary Margaret Devey, Individually and as Personal
Representative of the Estate of Robert L. Devey,..... Respondent,

v.

Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Consumer, Inc.;
CVS Pharmacy, Inc.; Piggly Wiggly Carolina Company,
Inc.; Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; and Rite
Aid of South Carolina, Inc..... Defendants,

Of which Johnson & Johnson and Johnson & Johnson
Consumer, Inc., are the Appellants.

and

Terran Dupree,..... Respondent,

v.

Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Consumer, Inc.;
Imerys Talc America, Inc. f/k/a Luzenac America, Inc.;
Piggly Wiggly Carolina Company, Inc.; CVS Pharmacy,
Inc.; Rite Aid of South Carolina, Inc.,..... Defendants,

Of which Johnson & Johnson and Johnson & Johnson
Consumer, Inc. are the Appellants.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Johnson & Johnson and Johnson & Johnson Consumer, Inc. appeal the trial court's March 13, 2020 order granting the plaintiffs' motion to consolidate the two above-captioned cases. Relevant portions of the transcript of a March 13, 2020 hearing at which the court issued its final order granting the motion to consolidate are attached hereto as Exhibit A.¹ An email from Judge Toal agreeing that the record of her ruling sufficed for her order and no written order was planned is attached as Exhibit B. Johnson & Johnson and Johnson & Johnson Consumer, Inc. received notice of the trial court's final order on March 13, 2020.

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¹ Copies of the operative complaints showing the complete caption in each case are attached hereto as Exhibit C.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned Administrative Assistant, of the law offices of Nelson Mullins Riley &
Scarborough LLP, attorneys for Johnson & Johnson and Johnson & Johnson Consumer, Inc., do

hereby certify that I have served all counsel in this action with a copy of the pleading(s) hereinbelow specified by mailing a copy of the same by United States Mail, postage prepaid, to the following address(es):

Pleading(s): **Notice of Appeal**

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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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RE: Mary Margaret Devey v. Johnson & Johnson et al. *and* Terran Dupree v. Johnson & Johnson et al.
Civil Action Nos. 2018-CP-10-00790 & 2018-CP-10-02899
Our File Nos. 003501.01848 & 003501.01849

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find Appellants' Notice of Appeal in the above-referenced matter. We are submitting the original Notice of Appeal and a check for the \$250.00 filing fee to the Court via U.S. Mail. Pursuant to the Supreme Court's orders addressing the operation of the appellate courts during the coronavirus emergency, we are also submitting copies of the Notice of Appeal to the Court via facsimile and via the new e-filing system.

All counsel of record have been served with the Notice of Appeal. By copy of this letter, we are notifying the circuit court and all counsel of record of this filing.

Respectfully,

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Enclosures

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