



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: OPIOID LITIGATION

CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-C-9000

THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOONE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA ex rel.
PATRICK MORRISEY, Attorney General,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 19-C-105
Judge William S. Thompson

JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,
ORTHO-MCNEIL-JANSSEN
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. n/k/a
JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,
JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA, INC. n/k/a
JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., and
JOHNSON & JOHNSON,

Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO JOIN IN EXISTING MASS LITIGATION

On February 10, 2020, Defendants filed a *Motion to Join in Existing Mass Litigation* (Transaction ID 64698505), seeking to join the above-styled civil action pending in the Circuit Court of Boone County, West Virginia, with *In re: Opioid Litigation*, Civil Action No. 19-C-9000, pending before the Mass Litigation Panel. Having reviewed and fully considered the motion and the *Response* filed by Plaintiff, State of West Virginia ex rel. Patrick Morrisey (Transaction ID 64737683), and having conferred with one another to insure uniformity of their decision, as contemplated by Rule 26.07(a) of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, the Presiding Judges **GRANT** the motion and **ORDER** the above-captioned civil action currently pending in the Circuit Court of Boone County, West Virginia, as *State of West Virginia ex rel. Patrick Morrisey v. Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al.*, Boone County Civil Action No. 19-C-105, **TRANSFERRED** to the Mass Litigation Panel and **JOINED** with *In re Opioid Litigation*, Civil Action No. 19-C-9000.

The paper court files for the above-captioned action shall remain in the Circuit Court of Boone County, West Virginia, where the civil action originated until further order of the Panel.

The above-captioned civil action is subject to electronic filing and service, as provided in West Virginia Trial Court Rule 15.01, *et seq.*, effective February 21, 2020. To facilitate electronic service and filing, each civil action number must include the three-letter county identifier of the county where the civil action originated.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, is **ORDERED** to send a certified copy of this Order to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Boone County, West Virginia, for service on all affected judges and all parties in the above-captioned civil actions. All counsel of record in the Opioid Litigation shall this day be served with this Order electronically.

It is so **ORDERED**.

ENTERED: February 19, 2020.

/s/ Alan D. Moats
Lead Presiding Judge
Opioid Litigation