

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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

MDL No. 13-2441 (DWF/FLN)

This document relates to:

Jerrico Alexander, George Johnson,
Sammy Porterfield, Kristina Reed, and
James Taumby,

Plaintiffs,

v. Civil No. 14-2558 (DWF/FLN)

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

Defendants.

**ORDER SEVERING
MULTI-PLAINTIFF SUIT**

This matter is before the Court on the above-Plaintiffs' letter regarding their multi-plaintiff complaint, which was recently transferred to this Court. (Civil No. 14-2558 (DWF/FLN), Doc. No. 9.) In Plaintiffs' letter, they express their wish to keep the claims of all Plaintiffs joined, but also agree to work cooperatively with Defendants should the Court require severance. (*See id.*)

Based on discussions with the parties and also the agreement of the parties, the Court hereby requires severance in this matter. (*See* Aug. 21, 2014 Status Conference Tr. at 14-15.)

Thus, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. The complaints of each individual plaintiff in the multi-plaintiff case, Civil No. 14-2558 (DWF/FLN), are **SEVERED**;

2. Plaintiffs **SHALL REFILE** individual cases for each Plaintiff and **SHALL PAY** the required civil filing fee for each severed case.

3. When refiling the individual cases, Plaintiffs **SHALL** include a letter to the Clerk of Court that includes the original case name and number, the fact that the individual case is being severed from the original case, and the fact that payment of the filing fee is being made to create a new case file.

Dated: October 2, 2014

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