

**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)

Hattie Hilliard; Jerrico Alexander; Virginia
Hunter; George Johnson; Teresa Marshall;
Sammy Porterfield; Kristina Reed;
Charlotte Smith; Jocelyn Strohm; 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

The Driscoll Firm, P.C. commenced this action on May 30, 2014, on behalf of Plaintiff Sammy Porterfield (“Porterfield”). On December 2, 2014, Porterfield’s counsel, Gregory J. Pals, from The Driscoll Firm, P.C. filed a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel to Plaintiff Sammy Porterfield (Civil No. 14-2558 (DWF/FLN), Doc. No. 32).¹ In a letter dated December 16, 2014, the Court allowed Porterfield to respond in writing to the

¹ Plaintiffs’ counsel filed the Motion to Withdraw as Counsel to Plaintiff Sammy Porterfield only in the individual case (Civil No. 14-2558 (DWF/FLN), Doc. No. 32). The Motion should also have been filed in the master case, MDL 13-2441 (DWF/FLN).

motion within one week. As of the date of this Order, the Court has not received a written response from Porterfield 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 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 The Driscoll Firm, P.C. to withdraw from representing Porterfield and that Porterfield has been given notice of The Driscoll Firm P.C.’s motion.

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

1. The Driscoll Firm, P.C.’s Motion to Withdraw as Counsel to Plaintiff Sammy Porterfield (Civil No. 14-2558 (DWF/FLN), Doc. No. [32]) is **GRANTED**.
2. The Driscoll Firm, P.C., shall inform Porterfield 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 Porterfield with his file and all case documents, at no cost to him.
3. The Driscoll Firm, P.C., shall provide Defendants and Plaintiffs’ Lead Counsel Committee with Porterfield’s 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 Sammy Porterfield at 1380 Pennington Road, Philadelphia, PA 19151 and shall docket his contact information as the same.

Dated: January 8, 2015

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