UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PENSACOLA DIVISION

IN RE: DEPO-PROVERA (DEPOT MEDROXYPROGESTERONE ACETATE) PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION **This Document Relates to: All Cases**	**Case No. 3:25-md-3140** **Judge M. Casey Rodgers** **Magistrate Judge Hope T. Cannon**

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 16:
(Appointment of Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator)

The Parties have advised the Court that Defendants have entered into an agreement with Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel that will offer a substantial percentage of Plaintiffs with cases pending in this MDL the opportunity to resolve their claims. ECF No. 661. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 53, the Court hereby appoints a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF Administrator") to aid the Parties in the administration of the settlement program, as set forth in more detail below.

In the exercise of the Court's authority to manage its docket and to ensure the timely and efficient performance of the actions necessary to satisfy the conditions of the Settlement, it is **ORDERED:**

1. Randall Sansom CPA is appointed as the QSF Administrator.

2. As QSF Administrator, Randall Sansom will act as the fiduciary of the settlement trust in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Agreement, the MSA

and Orders of this Court with specific powers to include retention of the trust estate, investments and preservation of principal, disbursements, payments of administrative expenses and costs, retention of investment advisors and other agents, consultation with Counsel, execution of documents, litigation, and compliance with applicable law.

3. The QSF Administrator must coordinate with Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel to prepare a proposed Motion, Order, and Trust Agreement to establish a C.F.R. § 1.468B-1 Qualified Settlement Fund. On entry of the Order to establish the QSF, The QSF Administrator must open a custodial bank account(s) and obtain a Taxpayer Identification Number from the Internal Revenue Service. Such bank account will be determined by Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel in consultation with the QSF Administrator.

4. For the purpose of Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code the QSF Administrator must timely and properly provide all informational and other tax returns necessary or advisable with respect to the QSF and the amounts held in the QSF, including the returns described in Treasury Regulation §1.468B-2(k)(l). Such returns (as well as the election described in Section 468B) must be consistent with Section 468B and in all events must reflect that all taxes (including any estimated taxes, interest or penalties, or tax detriments) on the income earned by the QSF will be paid exclusively out of the QSF, in accordance with Section 468B. The

preparation and filing of all tax documents, including tax returns, will be performed by the QSF Administrator, who will make periodic reports to the MDL Court.

5. In connection with any authorized distribution made pursuant to the terms of the MSA, the QSF Administrator will determine the amount of any common benefit assessment in accordance with this Court's Common Benefit Orders and must, at the Court's or the Parties' request, provide an accounting of the same.

6. The QSF Administrator must coordinate with the Settlement Administrator and the Lien Resolution Administrator and provide information necessary for the payment of any claims.

7. The QSF Administrator will provide regular reports to the Court on the progress of the settlement program.

8. To facilitate the performance of the duties set forth above, all counsel must cooperate with reasonable requests for information from the QSF Administrator.

9. Within seven days of the date of this Order, Randall Sansom must file an affidavit disclosing whether there is any ground for disqualification under 28 U.S.C. § 455.

SO ORDERED this 4th day of September 2026.

M. Casey Rodgers
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE