

STATE OF LOUISIANA

COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT

CAROLYN M. GAUTIER

NO. 2026 CW 1038

VERSUS

ADRIATIC INSURANCE COMPANY,
ET AL.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

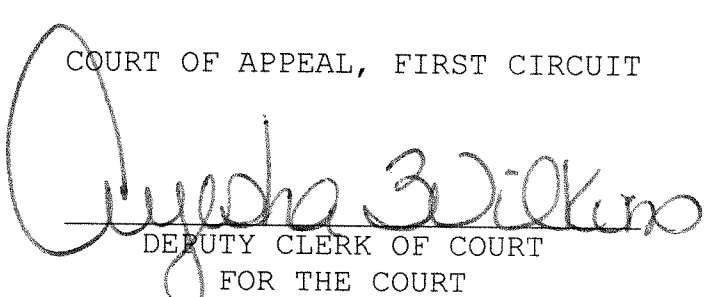
In Re: Johnson & Johnson, applying for supervisory writs, 19th
Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, No.
753560.

BEFORE: THERIOT, GREENE, AND EDWARDS, JJ.

WRIT GRANTED. While recognizing that in ruling on discovery matters, the trial court is vested with broad discretion, we have found an abuse of discretion in this matter. The trial court's July 13, 2026 judgment requiring Johnson & Johnson to produce documents responsive to Topic No. 4 of Plaintiff's First Amended Notice, including documents sufficient to show payments made to experts witnesses in cosmetic talc litigation (other than the experts in this case) over the past fifteen years is overbroad, unduly burdensome, and outside the scope of La. Code Civ. P. art. 1425(B). See Stolzle v. Safety & Sys. Assurance Consultants, Inc., 2002-1197 (La. 5/24/02), 819 So.2d 287, 289 (per curiam); See also DirecTV, LLC v. Bridges, 2021-646 (La. App. 5th Cir. 1/21/22), 2022 WL 198864 (unpublished). Accordingly, the trial court's July 13, 2026 judgment is reversed to the extent the judgment ordered Johnson & Johnson to produce expert compensation discovery relating to experts not designated to testify in Ms. Gautier's case. For the reasons stated, the August 21, 2026 judgment ordering the deposition of Kristen Fournier concerning the contents of her "Declaration" is also reversed.

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