

## **Statement on Emory Complaint**

July 7, 2023 – Statement from Erik Haas, Worldwide Vice President of Litigation, Johnson & Johnson

We filed a second litigation to lay bare and address the false and disparaging narrative that has been fabricated regarding our talcum powder products. The complaint details the “junk science” published and promoted by three doctors—who were paid millions by the plaintiffs’ bar—to deliberately defame our products. Such publications have become the cornerstone of the plaintiffs’ bar’s litigation strategy: The purported “experts” contaminate the scientific literature with misleading studies and use their credentials to instill their publications with false credibility, which the plaintiffs’ bar then cite to gin up thousands of baseless claims. These disparaging publications cause great harm to us and to our customers and the patients who are misled as to the actual cause of their health issues. We therefore have no choice but to pursue these actions to unveil the fraud and demonstrate the truth, which is that the safety of our talcum powder products is supported by decades of evidence by independent experts, governments and regulatory bodies.