

A S S I G N M E N T

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WHEREAS, James Walden Voegele, David C. Brown, and Paul Lawrence Erickson residing at 11486 Kemper Knoll Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249; 7706 West Berwyn Street, Chicago, IL 60656; and 8313 Kenwood Road #1, Cincinnati, OH 45236; respectively (hereinafter called "Assignors"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

BIOPSY INSTRUMENT WITH BREAKABLE SAMPLE SEGMENTS

for which they have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc., a corporation of the State of Ohio, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignors' entire right, title, and interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to them moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee their entire right, title and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this *10th* day of *February* 2000

Paul Lawrence Erickson (L.S.)
Paul Lawrence Erickson

STATE OF Ohio)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Hamilton)

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this *10th* day of *February* 2000, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Paul Lawrence Erickson, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.



Notary Public

PATRICIA ANNE JARA
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires Sept. 22, 2003