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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Frederick E. Shelton IV
Michael Earl Setser
William Bruce Weisenburgh II

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Ethicon, Inc.

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 4545 Creek Road

City: Cincinnati State: OH Zip: 45242

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- ☒ Assignment ☐ Merger
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A. Patent Application No.(s) 10/615,974

B. Patent No.(s) _____

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: David E. Franklin

Internal Address: Frost Brown Todd LLC

Street Address: 2200 PNC Center

201 E. Fifth Street

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: ☐

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ 40.00

- ☒ Enclosed
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Filed July 9, 2003

WHEREAS, Frederick E. Shelton IV, a citizen of the United States, residing at 245 East Main Street, Hillsboro 45133, County of Highland, and State of Ohio; Michael Earl Setser, a citizen of the United States, residing at 2538 Flagstone Court, Burlington 41005, County of Boone, and Commonwealth of Kentucky, and William Bruce Weisenburgh II, a citizen of the United States, residing at 974 Airymeadows Drive, Maineville 45039, County of Warren, and State of Ohio, (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to a SURGICAL STAPLING INSTRUMENT INCORPORATING A TAPERED FIRING BAR FOR INCREASED FLEXIBILITY AROUND THE ARTICULATION JOINT, for which they have this day executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon, Inc., a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Ohio, (hereinafter referred to as "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 Assignees, 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 described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors further covenant and agree that they will, whenever requested, but without cost to them promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute any

additional papers that may be necessary to enable said Assignee or its representatives, successors, nominees, or assigns to secure full and complete protection for the said inventions and discoveries or that may be necessary to vest in said Assignee the complete title to the said inventions and discoveries and patents hereby conveyed and to enable it to record said title.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 18th day of September, 2003.

(L.S.)

Frederick E. Shelton IV

Frederick E. Shelton IV

STATE OF Ohio)
) ss:
COUNTY OF Hamilton)

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 18th day of September, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Frederick E. Shelton, IV 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.

Kimberly Mellissa Moses
Notary Public

KIMBERLY MELLISSA MOSES
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 18th day
of September, 2003.

(L.S.)

Michael Earl Setser
Michael Earl Setser

STATE OF Ohio)
) ss:
COUNTY OF Hamilton)

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 18th day of September,
2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Michael E. Setser,
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.

Kimberly Mellissa Moses
Notary Public
KIMBERLY MELLISSA MOSES
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 09-23-06

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 18th day
of September, 2003.

(L.S.)

William Bruce Weisenburgh II
William Bruce Weisenburgh II

STATE OF OHIO)
) ss:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 18th day of September,
2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared William B. Weisenburgh II
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.

Kimberly Melissa Moses
Notary Public
KIMBERLY MELLISSA MOSES
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