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ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT TAX TRIBUNAL

MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP. (F/K/A SCHERING CORPORATION),	)	
Petitioner,	)	16 TT 174; 16 TT 175 16 TT 176; 16 TT 177
-v.-	)	Judge Brian F. Barov
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,	)	
Respondent.	)	**RULE 707 STATEMENT**

Verified Statement of Out-of-State Attorney Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 707

I, Richard C. Kariss, submit this Verified Statement pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 707.

1. My full name is Richard Charles Kariss. The address of offices from which I practice law and related email address and telephone numbers are as follows:

Alston & Bird LLP
90 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016
(212) 210-9452
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2. I represent Petitioner, Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. (f/k/a Schering Corporation), in *Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. (f/k/a Shering Corporation) v. Illinois Department of Revenue*, Nos. 16 TT 174, 16 TT 175, 16 TT 176, and 16 TT 177.

3(a). I list below all proceedings in which I have filed an appearance pursuant to this rule in this calendar year:

Case Name	**Tribunal Docket Number**
Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. (f/k/a Shering Corporation) v. Illinois Department of Revenue	16 TT 103
Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. (f/k/a Shering Corporation) v. Illinois Department of Revenue	16 TT 104
Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. (f/k/a Shering Corporation) v. Illinois Department of Revenue	16 TT 105
Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. (f/k/a Shering Corporation) v. Illinois Department of Revenue	16 TT 106

3(b). My ARDC registration number is 6323078.

4(a). I list each jurisdiction of admission, including any state, territory, or commonwealth of the United States, the District of Columbia, or in a foreign country, and my full admission name and license number.

Jurisdiction	Full Admission Name	License Number
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Richard Charles Kariss	52961
State of New York	Richard Charles Kariss	4124624

4(b). I attach a letter or certificate of good standing for each of the jurisdictions listed in paragraph 4(a) above.

5. I have no office or other presence in Illinois for the practice of law.

6. I submit to the disciplinary authority of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

7. I have undertaken to become familiar with and to comply, as if admitted to practice in Illinois, with the rules of the Supreme Court of Illinois, including the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct and the Supreme Court Rules on Admission and Discipline of Attorneys, and other Illinois law and practices that pertain to the proceeding.

8. The full name, business address and ARDC number of the Illinois attorney with whom I have associated in the matter is:

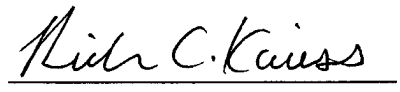
Syed Fahad Saghir
Alston & Bird LLP
950 F Street NW
Washington, DC 20004
ARDC No. 6290645

9. I certify that I have served this Statement upon the following party entitled to service under this rule:

Illinois Department of Revenue
Office of Legal Services
100 W. Randolph Street, 7-900
Chicago, IL 60601

Verification

I verify the accuracy and completeness of each of the above statements.



Richard C. Kariss

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

Richard C. Kariss, Esq.

DATE OF ADMISSION

November 15, 1988

The above named attorney was duly admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and is now a qualified member in good standing.

Witness my hand and official seal
Dated: May 2, 2016

Amy L. Dreibelbis

Amy Dreibelbis, Esq.
Deputy Prothonotary

Appellate Division of the Supreme Court
of the State of New York
First Judicial Department

I, Susanna Rojas, Clerk of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Judicial Department, certify that

RICHARD C. KARISS

was duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counsellor at Law in all the courts of the State of New York on **February 26, 2003**, has duly taken and subscribed the oath of office prescribed by law, has been enrolled in the Roll of Attorneys and Counsellors at Law on file in my office, has duly registered with the administrative office of the courts, and according to the records of this court is in good standing as an attorney and counsellor at law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this court on

May 26, 2016

Clerk of the Court