IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MIDDLE DISTRICT

BOBBI ANN MERTIS	:	No. 546 MAL 2022
	:	
v.	:	Petition for Allowance of Appeal from the Order of the Superior Court
DONG-JOON OH, M.D., NORTH AMERICAN PARTNERS IN ANESTHESIA (PENNSYLVANIA), LLC, WILKES-BARRE HOSPITAL COMPANY, LLC D/B/A WILKES-BARRE GENERAL HOSPITAL AND COMMONWEALTH HEALTH	:	
PETITION OF: DONG-JOON OH, M.D.	:	

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 22nd day of March, 2023, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED**. The issue, as stated by petitioner is:

> (1) Whether, in an issue of first impression and significant public importance, Pa.R.C.P. 4003.6(1) expressly permits defense counsel in a medical malpractice case to speak with plaintiff's treating physicians outside the discovery process in circumstances where: (i) Pa.R.C.P. 4003.6(1) expressly allows defense counsel to communicate directly with treating physicians who are firm clients; and (ii) both treating physicians are clients of the law firm in question[.]

The American Medical Association and the Pennsylvania Medical Society's Application for Leave to File Amicus Curiae Brief is also **GRANTED**.