

issues common to all six defendants, but some will involve issues that are defendant-specific. The Court has some misgivings regarding the size of the group but is persuaded, at least for the time being, that the structure and size proposed is reasonable and appropriate. (As indicated below, the Court has added two attorneys who were not included in the joint proposal.)

The Court has taken into account all applicants' written submissions as well as the oral presentations made in open court. With regard to some applicants, the Court has also consulted with other judges who have presided over MDL proceedings in which applicants had leadership roles. The Court has also considered the factors set forth in Case Management Order No. 1 and in the Manual for Complex Litigation (4th) § 10.22.

All appointments are made for a one-year period and will expire on August 15, 2015. Appointees may apply for reappointment when their term expires. A re-application process will be established at an appropriate time in advance of the expiration date. Counsel are advised in advance that applications for reappointment will be required to include references to the nature and scope of the applicant's work, including time and resources expended during the previous term.

The Court makes the following appointments:

Co-lead counsel: Ronald E. Johnson, Jr.
Trent B. Miracle
Christopher A. Seeger

Executive Committee: Timothy Becker
(includes co-lead counsel) Michael Papantonio
Seth Katz
Michael London
Maury A. Herman
Michelle Kranz

Bill Robins

Steering Committee:
(includes counsel
listed above)

Martin Crump
T. Matthew Leckman
Lawrence J. Gornick
Matthew Teague
Gregory Spizer
Frank Petosa
Kristine Kraft
Elwood C. Stevens, Jr.
Christopher Tisi
Arnold Levin
Alex H. MacDonald
Mark A. Hoffman
Dawn M. Barrios
Derriel C. McCorvey
Roger W. Orlando
Rachel Abrams
W. Mark Lanier
David S. Ratner
Will Moody, Jr.
Yvonne Flaherty
Dianne Nast
Kathleen Chavez¹

Co-Liaison Counsel:

Brian J. Perkins
Myron Cherry

Plaintiffs' co-lead counsel are directed to promptly prepare, and provide to the Court by no later than August 7, 2014, a draft order embodying the Court's appointments and spelling out the responsibilities of co-lead counsel, the executive committee, the steering committee, and co-liaison counsel. The order may also include other matters that co-lead counsel, the executive committee, or the steering committee

¹ Ms. Chavez applied for a position on the steering committee. She did not appear at the July 29, 2014 hearing. One of her law partners orally advised the Court that Ms. Chavez's application was being withdrawn in consideration of the fact that the partner had also applied. The Court respectfully declines to accept the withdrawal of Ms. Chavez's application and hereby appoints her to the steering committee.

consider to be appropriate for inclusion in the order. Any objections to the form or content of the order must be filed by no later than August 11, 2014.

Defendants' liaison counsel, as designated in defendants' joint submission of July 3, 2014, is directed to promptly prepare and circulate among "lead counsel" for each defendant, and is to propose to the Court by no later than August 7, 2014, a draft order embodying the Courts appointment(s) and spelling out the responsibilities of the counsel thus appointed. The order may also include other matters that liaison counsel and any defendant's "lead counsel" consider to be appropriate for inclusion in the order. Any objections to the form or content of the order must be filed by no later than August 11, 2014.

It is so ordered.


MATTHEW F. KENNELLY
United States District Judge

Date: July 31, 2014