

United States District Court
Northern District of California

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: GERMAN AUTOMOTIVE
MANUFACTURERS ANTITRUST
LITIGATION

MDL No. 2796 CRB (JSC)

This Order Relates To:
ALL ACTIONS

**PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 1:
APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT
OF PLAINTIFFS' LEAD COUNSEL
AND STEERING COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**

The Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation has transferred certain lawsuits to this Court for coordinated pretrial proceedings. The lawsuits relate to alleged anticompetitive conduct in the market for German-made automobiles.

The Court intends to appoint a lead counsel for plaintiffs and a plaintiffs' steering committee to conduct and coordinate the pretrial proceedings with defendants' representatives. Any attorney who has filed an action that is part of this MDL may apply for a lead counsel or steering committee position or both. All applications must be e-filed in the Master file, 17-MD-2796, on or before **Friday, November 17, 2017**.

Each attorney's application shall include a resume no longer than two pages and a letter no longer than three pages (single-spaced) addressing the following criteria:

- (1) professional experience in this type of litigation, including MDL experience as lead or liaison counsel and/or service on any plaintiffs' committees or subcommittees;
- (2) the names and contact information of judges before whom the applicant has appeared in the matters discussed in response to no. 1 above;
- (3) willingness and ability to immediately commit to time-consuming litigation;
- (4) willingness and ability to work cooperatively with other plaintiffs' counsel and defense

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counsel;

(5) access to resources to prosecute the litigation in a timely manner;

(6) willingness to serve as lead counsel, a member of a steering committee, or both; and

(7) any other considerations that qualify counsel for a leadership position.

Applications may also include an attachment indicating the names of other counsel who have filed cases in this MDL and who support the applicant’s appointment as lead counsel or as a steering committee member.

All responses or objections to applications must be e-filed in the Master file, 17-MD-2796, on or before **Friday, December 8, 2017** and are limited to three single-spaced pages. After considering all applications and responses or objections, the Court will make appointments as promptly as practicable. Once counsel and the committee are appointed, the Court will set a date for an initial case management conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 17, 2017



CHARLES R. BREYER
United States District Judge