

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

**In re: American Honda Motor Co., Inc.,
CR-V Vibration Marketing and Sales
Practices Litigation,**

Case No. 2:15-md-2661

**Judge Michael H. Watson
Magistrate Judge E. P. Deavers**

This document relates to: ALL CASES.

**PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 3: ORDER MEMORIALIZING JANUARY 4, 2016
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

The Court held a telephone conference in this matter on January 4, 2016. This Order memorializes the results of the conference as follows:

The parties represented that Defendant is reviewing both Plaintiffs' proposed confidentiality order and proposed stipulation regarding Honda Motor Co., Ltd. Defendant intends to return comments regarding both to Plaintiffs' interim lead counsel by the end of this week.

Plaintiffs indicated that they will file an amended complaint by Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Counsel will then confer on January 26, 2016, regarding the adequacy of the amended complaint. On February 2, 2016, counsel will hold a conference pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) to discuss a discovery plan.

Two business days before the March status conference (which will be scheduled after the February status conference), the parties shall submit a proposed Case Management Order ("CMO") similar to the Court's standard Rule 26(f) report but tailored to accommodate this MDL proceeding. The parties shall strive to agree to a case

schedule. If, however, they are unable to agree, the parties shall submit separate proposed CMOs. **The parties shall email the proposed CMO to both Judge Watson's and Judge Deavers' chambers at:**

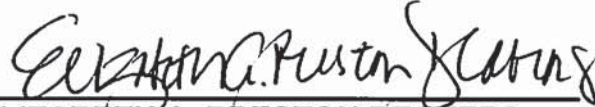
Watson_chambers@ohsd.uscourts.gov and Deavers_chambers@ohsd.uscourts.gov, respectively.

The Court discussed the possibility of appointing a Special Master. The parties indicated that such an appointment is unnecessary at this juncture. The Court will revisit this issue in the future should it become appropriate to do so.

The next status conference will take place on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. EST** via telephone. The parties shall email a list of participants and their email addresses to the Court at **Watson_chambers@ohsd.uscourts.gov**. The Court will issue via email the conference call-in information. As set forth in the Court's October 19, 2015 Case Management Order, the parties are **DIRECTED** to confer prior to the status conference and file with the Court, no later than two business days prior to the conference, a joint agenda of issues to be addressed. Additionally, the Court directs the parties to confer regarding the potential for settlement prior to every status conference and to be prepared to update the Court as to the status of settlement negotiations at the time of each status conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


MICHAEL H. WATSON, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT


ELIZABETH A. PRESTON DEAVERS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE