

**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 Elizabeth P. Deavers**

This document relates to: ALL CASES.

**PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 1: ORDER MEMORIALIZING October 22, 2015
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

The Court held an initial telephone conference in this matter on October 22, 2015. This Order memorializes the results of the conference as follows:

The Court conferred with counsel regarding the leadership appointments of Plaintiffs' counsel. Noting no opposition, the Court granted the request of attorneys Mark Troutman and Gregory Travalio of the Isaac, Wiles, Burkholder & Teeter, LLC law firm to serve as interim liaison counsel for Plaintiffs. The Court ordered that any counsel wishing to serve as permanent liaison and/or lead counsel file an application **ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 13, 2015**. All applications shall be accompanied by proposed orders sufficiently justifying the appointment of counsel to the position sought.

The Court next discussed a variety of case management matters. The parties indicated that they were collaborating to establish a protocol for exchange of electronically stored information and also to draft a proposed protective order

addressing the exchange of confidential information. They further reported that they do not anticipate bifurcating class and merits-based discovery at this juncture. The Court also discussed the timing of the filing of a consolidated amended complaint, as well as Defendant's responsive pleading. Based upon that discussion, the Court **ORDERS** Plaintiffs to file their consolidated complaint **WITHIN THIRTY DAYS** of appointment of permanent lead and liaison counsel. **WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS** of the filing of the consolidated complaint, the parties must submit a proposed scheduling order that sets forth deadlines for Defendant's responsive pleading and a proposed briefing schedule should Defendant respond with a dispositive motion.

The Court notified the parties of its intent to hold monthly status conferences. The next status conference will take place on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015, at 4:00 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**