



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
PENSACOLA DIVISION

IN RE: DEPO-PROVERA (DEPOT  
MEDROXYPROGESTERONE  
ACETATE) PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
LITIGATION

Case No. 3:25-md-3140

This Document Relates to:  
All Cases

Judge M. Casey Rodgers  
Magistrate Judge Hope T. Cannon

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**PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 5**

The Court will accept individual applications for Plaintiffs' leadership positions. Any attorney who has filed a case in this MDL, or who is attorney of record in a case that has been or will be removed or transferred to this MDL, may apply for a leadership position. An application form is attached to this Order. Applications are due by **12:00 p.m. CT on March 7, 2025**. Applications should be emailed to Courtroom Deputy Barbara Rogers at [Barbara\\_Rogers@flnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Barbara_Rogers@flnd.uscourts.gov). Given the sensitive nature of the information on the applications, these materials will be reviewed *in camera* and kept confidential.

As indicated on the application form, applicants will be considered and leadership counsel selected based on the following criteria: MDL experience,<sup>1</sup> mass

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<sup>1</sup> While prior MDL-specific experience is a consideration, it is not the only one—indeed, the Court seeks to provide opportunities for those with less leadership experience in certain positions.

tort experience, trial experience, settlement experience, and issue-specific experience. Other considerations include the ability to make the necessary time and financial commitments to effectively serve as leadership. The Court will consider any further relevant information an Applicant wishes to disclose. Ultimately, the Court will appoint a leadership team with members whose talents, experience, and knowledge make them uniquely situated to effectively, fairly, and efficiently represent the interests of the Plaintiffs as a whole throughout the litigation.<sup>2</sup>

After an initial review of the submissions, some number of Applicants will be invited to make an oral presentation on their qualifications for the position(s) they are seeking and to answer questions about the skills and experience they would bring to the litigation. Presentations will be scheduled for March 13, and, if necessary, March 14, 2025.

The Court hereby appoints Christopher A. Seeger, Seeger Weiss LLP, to serve as *Interim* Lead and Liaison counsel for the Plaintiffs. Mr. Seeger is well-qualified to carry out the responsibilities of these positions on an interim basis, given his

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<sup>2</sup> Courts “should consider the benefits of geographical distribution as well as differing experiences, skills, knowledge, and backgrounds,” and historically “have considered the nature of the actions and parties, the needs of the litigation, and each lawyer’s qualifications, expertise, and access to resources.” Committee Note to Proposed Fed. R. Civ. P. 16.1(b)(2)(A) (“The transferee judge is responsible to ensure that the lawyers appointed to leadership positions are able to do the work and will responsibly and fairly discharge their leadership obligations.”).

extensive experience in complex litigation, including a leadership role in a prior MDL before this Court.

**SO ORDERED** this 28th day of February, 2025.

*M. Casey Rodgers*

**M. CASEY RODGERS**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**