

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

IN RE SUBOXONE)	Case No. 1:24-md-3092
(BUPRENORPHINE/NALOXONE))	
FILM PRODUCTS LIABILITY)	MDL No. 3092
LITIGATION)	
)	Judge J. Philip Calabrese
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**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 9
APPOINTING PLAINTIFFS' LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

I. Purpose and Scope

In Case Management Order No. 7, the Court established the process to appoint a Plaintiffs' Leadership Development Committee in this litigation. The Committee is intended to provide mentorship to attorneys committed to long-term involvement in mass-tort MDL practice with the goal of developing future MDL leaders. Through these appointments, the Court intends that less-experienced attorneys will work with and learn from the established leaders the Court has appointed to the Plaintiffs' Leadership Committee.

II. Duties and Obligations

The Committee members appointed in this Order are responsible for timely completing projects assigned by the Co-Leads and/or the Chair of the Leadership Development Committee. Appointments to the Committee are personal in nature and nontransferable. The Court expects that Committee members will personally perform the duties assigned by the Chair or Co-Leads. The Committee members attested to their willingness and ability to contribute assessments as determined by

the Co-Leads and will do so as requested. Upon entry of this Order, each Committee member is directed to file a notice of appearance on the MDL docket, become familiar with the Court's standing orders, and review Case Management Order No. 8 (executing but not filing a copy of Exhibit 1). The LDC members shall be appointed for a period of one-year and shall be evaluated annually by September 1 of each year beginning in 2025.

III. Application Process

The PLC received applications from attorneys around the country. Each applicant was interviewed by LDC Chair Lee Floyd on July 24 or 29, 2024. Ms. Floyd provided her recommendations to the Co-Leads and met with the Co-Leads on August 2, 2024. Each applicant was discussed and considered during this meeting.

The Court directed Ms. Floyd and the Co-Leads to consider all relevant aspects of an applicant's background, education, and experience with an emphasis on how any unique skills or underrepresented characteristics of the applicant would benefit the development of the case or the representation of the clients in this MDL. Additional criteria on which applicants were evaluated were: (1) ability to work well with others; (2) personal interest in and understanding of the litigation; (3) willingness to dedicate the time required to fulfill Committee responsibilities; and (4) commitment to a career representing plaintiffs in mass-tort MDLs.

Consistent with the goal of providing opportunities for attorneys who have not been appointed to leadership roles, candidates whose applications listed prior appointment to an leadership development committee or other formal MDL

appointment were deemed ineligible. A maximum of one applicant per firm was eligible for appointment, notwithstanding any other considerations.

IV. Leadership Development Committee

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SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 8, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Calabrese", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. Philip Calabrese
United States District Judge
Northern District of Ohio