

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

In re Viagra Products Liability Litigation

Case No. 06-md-1724

This Order Relates to **ALL ACTIONS**

**ORDER APPOINTING PLAINTIFFS'
STEERING COMMITTEE**

This matter is before the Court on a Motion to Appoint Counsel as Plaintiffs' Steering Committee. All of the cases pending in this multi-district litigation allege that Viagra[®] caused non-arteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy (NAION) or other ocular conditions. The various law firms representing Plaintiffs maintain that a steering committee is necessary to facilitate investigation, conduct discovery and secure evidence, conduct motion and trial practice, coordinate settlement discussions, and perform overall case management.

Initially, Plaintiffs suggested that seventeen attorneys comprise the committee. The Court informed the parties that a committee of that size would be too large. Thereafter, Plaintiffs reduced the size of the committee to a size the Court finds appropriate. Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. The Motion to Appoint Counsel as Plaintiffs' Steering Committee (Docket No. 30) is **GRANTED in part** and **DENIED in part**;
2. The following counsel will comprise Plaintiffs' Steering Committee:

a. Co-Lead Counsel:

Daniel E. Becnel, Jr.
Law Offices of Daniel E. Becnel, Jr.
106 West 7th Street
P.O. Box Drawer H
Reserve, Louisiana 70084
Telephone: 985.536.1186
Facsimile: 985.536.6445
dbecnel@becnellaw.com

Camilo K. Salas III
Salas & Co., L.C.
650 Poydras Street
Suite 1650
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
Telephone: 504.799.3080
Facsimile: 504.799.3085
csalas@salaslaw.com

b. Liaison Counsel:

Robert R. Hopper
Zimmerman Reed, P.L.L.P.
651 Nicollet Mall
Suite 501
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Telephone: 612.341.0400
Facsimile: 612.341.0844
rrh@zimmreed.com

c. Members of the Committee:

Shelly A. Sanford
Goforth, Lewis, Sanford
2200 Heritage Plaza
1111 Bagby
Houston, Texas 77002
Telephone: 713.650.0022
Facsimile: 713.650.1669
shellysanford@goforthlewis.com

Michael J. Miller
Miller & Associates
105 N. Alfred Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
Telephone: 800.822.2525
Facsimile: 703.519.8084
MMiller809@aol.com

Ronnie Penton
Law Offices of Ronnie G. Penton
209 Hoppen Place
Bogalusa, Louisiana 70427
Telephone: 985.732.5651
Facsimile: 985.735.5579
rgp@rgplaw.com

Neil Overholtz
Aylstock, Witkin & Sasser, PLC
4400 Bayou Boulevard
Suite 58
Pensacola, Florida 32503
Telephone: 850.916.7450
Facsimile: 850.916.7449
noverholtz@aws-law.com

Zoe Littlepage
Littlepage & Booth
408 Westheimer Road
Houston, Texas 77006
Telephone: 713.529.8000
Facsimile: 713.529.8044
zoe@littlepagebooth.com

Dated: October 27, 2006

s/ Paul A. Magnuson
Paul A. Magnuson
United States District Court Judge