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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

RHONDA BAYLOR, Individually and
On Behalf of All Others Similarly
Situating,

Plaintiff,

v.

HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD.,
AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR
COMPANY, INC., TOSHIHIRO
MIBE, TAKAHIRO HACHIGO, and
KOHEI TAKEUCHI,

Defendants.

No.: CV 23-794-GW-AGR_x

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION OF
BRIAN CLARK FOR
APPOINTMENT AS LEAD
PLAINTIFF AND APPROVAL OF
SELECTION OF COUNSEL**

Judge: Hon. George H. Wu
Date: May 1, 2023
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Courtroom #9D

1 Having considered the papers filed in support of the Motion of Brian Clark
2 (“Movant”) for Appointment as Lead Plaintiff and Approval of Selection of
3 Counsel pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the
4 “PSLRA”), 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B), and for good cause shown, the Court
5 hereby ORDERS as follows:

6 **I. APPOINTMENT OF LEAD PLAINTIFF AND LEAD COUNSEL**

7 1. Movant has moved this Court to be appointed as Lead Plaintiff in the
8 above-captioned action and to approve the counsel he retained to be Lead Counsel.

9 2. Having considered the provisions of Section 21D(a)(3)(B) of the
10 PSLRA, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B), the Court hereby determines Movant is the
11 most adequate plaintiff and satisfies the requirements of the PSLRA. The Court
12 hereby appoints Movant as Lead Plaintiff to represent the interests of the class.

13 3. Pursuant to Section 21D(a)(3)(B)(v) of the PSLRA, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-
14 4(a)(3)(B)(v), Movant has selected and retained the law firm of Levi & Korsinsky,
15 LLP to serve as Lead Counsel. The Court approves Movant’s selection of Lead
16 Counsel.

17 4. Lead Counsel shall have the following responsibilities and duties, to
18 be carried out either personally or through counsel whom Lead Counsel shall
19 designate:

- 20 a. to coordinate the briefing and argument of any and all motions;
- 21 b. to coordinate the conduct of any and all discovery proceedings;
- 22 c. to coordinate the examination of any and all witnesses in
23 depositions;
- 24 d. to coordinate the selection of counsel to act as spokesperson at
25 all pretrial conferences;
- 26 e. to call meetings of the plaintiff’s counsel as deemed by Lead
27 Counsel necessary and appropriate from time to time;

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1 f. to coordinate all settlement negotiations with counsel for
2 defendants;

3 g. to coordinate and direct the pretrial discovery proceedings and
4 the preparation for trial and the trial of this matter, and to delegate work
5 responsibilities to selected counsel as may be required;

6 h. to coordinate the preparation and filings of all pleadings; and

7 i. to supervise all other matters concerning the prosecution or
8 resolution of the claims asserted in the Action.

9 5. No motion, discovery request, or other pretrial proceedings shall be
10 initiated or filed by any plaintiffs without the approval of Lead Counsel, so as to
11 prevent duplicative pleadings or discovery by plaintiffs. No settlement negotiations
12 shall be conducted without the approval of the Lead Counsel.

13 6. Service upon any plaintiff of all pleadings, motions, or other papers in
14 the Action, except those specifically addressed to a plaintiff other than Lead
15 Plaintiff, shall be completed upon service of Lead Counsel.

16 7. Lead Counsel shall be the contact between plaintiff's counsel and
17 defendant's counsel, as well as the spokespersons for all plaintiff's counsel, and
18 shall direct and coordinate the activities of plaintiff's counsel. Lead Counsel shall
19 be the contact between the Court and plaintiff and its counsel.

20 **II. NEWLY FILED OR TRANSFERRED ACTIONS**

21 8. When a case that arises out of the subject matter of the Action is
22 hereinafter filed in this Court or transferred from another Court, the Clerk of this
23 Court shall:

24 a. file a copy of this Order in the separate file for such action;

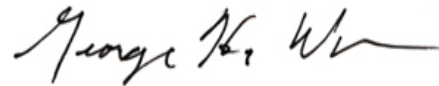
25 b. mail a copy of this Order to the attorneys for the plaintiff(s) in
26 the newly filed or transferred case and to any new defendant(s) in the newly filed
27 or transferred case; and

28 c. make the appropriate entry on the docket for this action.

1 9. Each new case that arises out of the subject matter of the Action that
2 is filed in this Court or transferred to this Court shall be consolidated with the Action
3 and this Order shall apply thereto, unless a party objecting to this Order or any
4 provision of this Order shall, within ten (10) days after the date upon which a copy
5 of this Order is served on counsel for such party, file an application for relief from
6 this Order or any provision herein and this Court deems it appropriate to grant such
7 application.

8 10. During the pendency of this litigation, or until further order of this
9 Court, the parties shall take reasonable steps to preserve all documents within their
10 possession, custody or control, including computer-generated and stored
11 information and materials such as computerized data and electronic mail, containing
12 information that is relevant to or which may lead to the discovery of information
13 relevant to the subject matter of the pending litigation.

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED.
16 DATED: May 8, 2023

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20 HONORABLE GEORGE H. WU
21 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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