

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

*In re Allianz Life Insurance Company of
North America Data Incident Litigation*

Case No: 0:25-cv-2777-KMM-JFD

This Document Relates To: All Actions

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS’ JOINT MOTION TO APPOINT
PLAINTIFFS’ COMMITTEE**

Plaintiffs moved the Court to appoint Berger Montague PC; Chestnut Cambronne PA; George Feldman McDonald PLLC; Gustafson Gluek PLLC; Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP; Pearson Warshaw, LLP; and Zimmerman Reed, LLP to a Plaintiffs’ Leadership Committee (the “PLC”) in charge of litigating this matter on behalf of Plaintiffs and the putative Plaintiff Class with Gustafson Gluek PLLC appointed as Chair of the PLC.

The Court has carefully reviewed the motion and its accompanying submissions and has considered the factors outlined in Rules 23(g) and 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court incorporates Plaintiffs’ submissions here and finds that those submissions demonstrate that the Plaintiffs’ proposed PLC satisfies the requirements of Rule 23(g) including:

- (1) the work counsel has done in identifying or investigating potential claims in the action;
- (2) counsel’s experience in handling class actions, other complex litigation,

and the types of claims asserted in the action;

(3) counsel's knowledge of the applicable law; and

(4) the resources counsel will commit to representing the class; along with

(5) any other pertinent factors bearing on counsel's ability to fairly and adequately represent the interests of the class.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING AND ALL THE FILES AND RECORDS, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Plaintiffs' Motion to Appoint Interim Lead Counsel in the form of Plaintiffs' PLC is GRANTED.

2. Pursuant to Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court appoints the following members to the Plaintiffs' PLC: Berger Montague PC; Chestnut Cambronne PA; George Feldman McDonald PLLC; Gustafson Gluek PLLC; Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP; Pearson Warshaw, LLP; and Zimmerman Reed, LLP.

3. The Court appoints Gustafson Gluek PLLC as Chair of the PLC (hereinafter the "Chair").

4. The PLC shall be responsible for the overall conduct of the litigation on behalf of all Plaintiffs in the consolidated action, including providing supervision of all Plaintiffs' counsel in such actions. The PLC shall:

- a. Promote the efficient conduct of this litigation and avoid unnecessary duplication and unproductive efforts by delegating and supervising specific work assignments;

- b. Determine and present (in briefs, oral argument, or such other fashion as may be appropriate, personally or by a designee) to the Court and opposing parties the position of Plaintiffs on all matters arising from pretrial proceedings;
- c. Coordinate the initiation and conduct of discovery on behalf of Plaintiffs consistent with the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(1), 26(b)(2), and 26(g), including the preparation of interrogatories and requests for production of documents and the examination of witnesses in depositions;
- d. Conduct settlement negotiations on behalf of Plaintiffs and any proposed class, but not enter into binding agreements except to the extent authorized by law;
- e. Enter into stipulations with opposing counsel as necessary for the conduct of the litigation;
- f. Maintain adequate contemporaneous time and cost records and collect such information from co-counsel on a monthly basis;
- g. Monitor the activities of co-counsel to ensure that schedules are met, and unnecessary expenditures of time and funds are avoided;
- h. Determine the amount of and collect assessments from counsel in the Plaintiff actions for the purpose of paying the costs necessary to litigate the case;
- i. Prepare any application for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses incurred by counsel in the consolidated action;

- j. Consult with and retain expert witnesses for the consolidated action;
- k. Negotiate with, retain, and manage relations with outside vendor(s) for the collection, processing, or review of documents and electronically stored information produced in discovery;
- l. Make the allocation of any attorneys' fees and expenses awarded by the Court, if any;
- m. Pay any necessary and proper assessments, as may be requested for the purpose of funding the litigation; and
- n. Otherwise coordinate the work of the other counsel for Plaintiffs and perform such other duties as the PLC deem necessary and appropriate based upon their judgment and consideration or as authorized by further Order of the Court.

5. The PLC shall work with other Plaintiffs' counsel to determine committee assignments (i.e. expert committee, discovery committee, etc.) to assure that all counsel will be fully involved in this litigation. The PLC shall submit proposed committee appointments in an order for approval by the Court.

6. In no event shall any document be filed, or any discovery be served, on behalf of Plaintiffs without the approval of the PLC or leave of Court, and any such filing may be stricken.

7. The Chair shall have sole authority to communicate with Defendants' counsel and the Court on behalf of the PLC, unless that authority is expressly delegated to a member of the PLC or other counsel. Defendants' counsel may rely on all

agreements made with Chair for Plaintiffs, and such agreements shall be binding on all other Plaintiffs. The Chair shall additionally be responsible for convening and leading meetings of the PLC.

8. The PLC are designated as counsel for all Plaintiff actions, upon whom all discovery, motions or other pleadings, notices, and correspondence shall be served, and Defendants shall serve papers on all Plaintiff actions by serving the PLC by electronic means in compliance with the Rules and Orders of this Court. The PLC shall jointly be responsible for maintaining a master service list of all parties and their respective counsel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 9, 2026

s/ John F. Docherty

JOHN F. DOCHERTY
United States Magistrate Judge