

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE ASHLEY MADISON CUSTOMER)
DATA SECURITY BREACH LITIGATION) MDL No. 2669
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ORDER

This matter came before the Court for an initial status conference on January 26, 2015. In accordance with the rulings on the record,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any further requests for appointment of Plaintiffs' liaison counsel, lead counsel or executive committee shall be filed no later than **Monday, February 1, 2016**. The Court anticipates entering an order appointing leadership counsel on February 5, 2016.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all pending motions in the related cases¹ are denied without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs shall file any Motion for Leave to Proceed Under Pseudonyms no later than **Monday, February 15, 2016**. Defendants shall file their response no later than **Thursday, February 25, 2016**. Any reply shall be filed no later than

¹ *John Doe v. Avid Life, Media, Inc., et al.*, No. 6:15-cv-01464-LSC (N.D. Ala.); *J. Doe I, et al. v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al.*, No. 8:15-cv-1347 (C.D. Cal.); *John Doe v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al.*, 2:15-cv-06405 (C.D. Cal.); *Jane Doe, et al. v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al.*, No. 4:15-cv-01132 (E.D. Mo.); *John Doe v. Avid Life Media, Inc.*, 3:15-cv-02750 (N.D. Tex.); *John Doe v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al.*, 4:15-cv-00640 (E.D. Ark.); *John Does, et al. v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al.*, 2:15-cv-06619 (C.D. Cal.); *Szilvia Berki, et al. v. Avid Life Media, Inc. at al.*, 2:15-cv-08208 (C.D. Cal.); *David Poyet v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al.*, 2:15-cv-08456 (C.D. Cal.); *Gustavo Alfaro v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al.*, No. 5:15-cv-02295 (C.D. Cal.); *Grant Deloach v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al.*, No. 4:15-cv-00299 (S.D. Ga.); *Doe v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al.*, 1:15-cv-07760 (N.D. Ill.); *John Doe v. Avid Life Media, et al.*, 1:15-cv-08270 (N.D. Ill.); *Michael Pauly v. Avid Life Media, et al.*, 1:15-cv-08842 (N.D. Ill.); *Christopher Russell v. Avid Life Media Inc., et al.*, 8:15-cv-02693 (D. Md.); *John Does 1-21 v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al.*, No. 3:15-cv-00658 (S.D. Miss.); *Jane Doe, et al. v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:15-cv-07017 (S.D.N.Y.); *John Doe v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al.*, 2:15-cv-00386 (E.D. Va.); *Lee E. Campbell, et al. v.*

Tuesday, March 1, 2016. This expedited schedule will allow the Court's consideration of the motion in advance of the filing of the consolidated class action complaint. If necessary, the parties shall file an agreed upon limited protective order concerning the disclosure of the identities of the Doe plaintiffs no later than **Monday, February 15, 2016.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline for Plaintiffs to file a consolidated class action complaint is **Tuesday, March 22, 2016.** Defendants shall have thirty (30) days to file responsive pleadings, up to and including **Thursday, April 21, 2016.** Any reply shall be due no later than **Friday, May 6, 2016.**

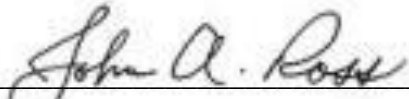
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in light of the written motion of Barnes & Thornburg, LLP and the oral motion of Leslie Weiss to withdraw as counsel for Defendants Avid Life Media Inc. and Avid Dating Life Inc., Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File Motion to Disqualify Under Seal, Ultimately Seeking A Ruling Disqualifying Defense Counsel Defendants Leslie Weiss and Barnes & Thornburg LLP [48] is **DENIED** as moot.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File Under Seal, Ultimately Seeking A Ruling that the Crime-Fraud Exception to the Attorney Client Privilege Applies to Email Communication between Defendant and its General Counsel and Defendant and Barnes & Thornburg LLP for the Time Period of January 11, 2012 to September 1, 2015 [49] is **DENIED** without prejudice as premature.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that status conferences with counsel are scheduled for **Friday, March 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** and **Friday, April 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** in Courtroom 12N. Thereafter, the Court will hold regular status conferences with counsel on the first Friday of

each month. All participating counsel may appear either in person or by telephone with leave of Court.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2016.



JOHN A. ROSS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE