

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

IN RE: VIOXX  
Products Liability Litigation

MDL NO. 1657  
SECTION: L

This Document Relates to:

JUDGE FALLON  
MAG. JUDGE KNOWLES

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**EX PARTE MOTION AND ORDER FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CLASS COUNSEL**

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes the Plaintiffs Steering Committee (PSC) herein, which respectfully requests, pursuant to paragraph III of Pretrial Order No. 16 and the provisions of Rule 23(g)(2)(A) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that the Court appoint the members of the PSC as interim class counsel at this time, with respect to the purported class claims and actions made in this MDL, and which further represents to the Court that counsel for defendants have confirmed that defendants do not oppose this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS  
STEERING COMMITTEE**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing has been served on all counsel of record by placing same in the United States Mail, properly addressed and postage prepaid, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005.

/s/ Gerald E. Muenier  
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**ORDER**

Considering the foregoing motion,

IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 23(g)(2)(A) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the members of the Plaintiffs Steering Committee (PSC) be appointed as interim class counsel.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005.

/s/ Eldon E. Fallon  
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