

**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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**PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE ORDER UPON TRANSFER**

1. This order shall govern the practice and procedure in those actions transferred to this Court by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation pursuant to their order of December 9, 2015, as well as all related actions originally filed in this Court or transferred or removed to this Court. These actions are listed in Schedule A attached hereto. This Order shall also govern the practice and procedure in any tag-along actions transferred to this Court by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation and to any related actions subsequently filed in this Court or otherwise transferred or removed to this Court.

2. The actions described in paragraph 1 of this order are coordinated for pretrial purposes.

3. All pleadings and papers shall be filed electronically using the Court’s Electronic Case Filing (“ECF”) system. Any counsel representing any party in these cases must have a CM/ECF registration with the Eastern District of Missouri. Forms and instructions can be found on the Court’s Web site at [www.moed.uscourts.gov](http://www.moed.uscourts.gov). Counsel must use their own CM/ECF registrations to file matters; in other words, no counsel should “borrow” another’s registration, even within the same firm. The lawyer whose name appears on the signature line must be the filing lawyer.

4. **All documents shall be filed only in the main case number 4:15MD2669 JAR. Nothing shall be filed in any of the individual case files.** All papers filed in these actions shall bear the case identification “4:15MD2669 JAR,” and when such papers relate to all of these actions, the MDL case number shall be followed by the notation “ALL CASES.” If such papers

do not relate to all of these actions, the individual case number assigned by the Clerk of this Court to the action to which the paper relates shall also be listed below the MDL case number.

5. Any document which is to be filed in any of these actions shall be filed only in this MDL case and not with the transferor district court.

6. Counsel who appeared in the transferor district court prior to the transfer need not enter a separate appearance before this Court. So long as counsel are members in good standing of any United States District Court, neither association of local counsel nor pro hac vice admissions are required.

7. Prior to the initial case conference, service of all papers shall be made on each of the attorneys shown on Schedule B, which has been prepared from the list of counsel making appearances with the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation and with this Court. Counsel on this list are requested to forward a copy of the Order to other attorneys who should be notified of the conference. Any attorney who wishes to have his or her name added to or deleted from such Panel Attorney Service List may do so upon request to the Clerk of this Court, with notice to all other persons on such service list. A corrected service list will be prepared after the conference.

8. Prior to the initial conference, counsel for the Plaintiffs and counsel for Defendant shall, to the extent they have not already done so, confer and seek consensus on the selection of a candidate for the position of liaison counsel for each group who will serve as the primary contact person for the Court regarding administrative matters.

Liaison counsel shall be required to maintain complete files with copies of all documents served upon them, and shall make such files available to other parties upon request. Liaison counsel are also authorized to receive orders and notices from the MDL Panel pursuant to Rule 8(e) of the Panel's Rules of Procedure on behalf of all parties, and shall be responsible for the preparation and transmittal of copies of such orders and notices to all parties.

9. All pending deadlines, including the obligation of Defendants to respond to the complaints in these actions are stayed until further order of this Court.

10. Hearings shall not be held on any motions filed except by order of Court upon such notice as the Court may direct.

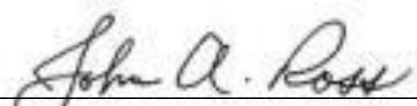
11. In accordance with Eastern District of Missouri Local Rule 4.04, attorneys shall only communicate with the Court in writing by motion or memorandum, unless otherwise directed by the Court.

12. Any orders including protective orders previously entered by this Court or any transferor district court shall remain in full force and effect unless modified by this Court upon application.

13. The Court will be guided by the Manual for Complex Litigation, Fourth, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States, and counsel are directed to familiarize themselves with that publication.

14. All other matters will be discussed at the initial conference. An order setting a date for the conference will be issued along with this Order.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2015.

  
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**JOHN A. ROSS**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

**SCHEDULE A**

MDL No. 2669

In re: Ashley Madison Customer Data Security Breach Litigation

**Northern District of Alabama**

Doe v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 6:15-01464 (N.D. Ala.)

**Central District of California**

Doe v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:15-06405 (C.D. Cal.)

Doe 1 et al. v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 8:15-01347 (C.D. Cal.)

**Eastern District of Missouri**

Doe v. Avid Life Media, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:15-01132 (E.D. Mo.)

**Northern District of Texas**

Doe v. Avid Life Media, Inc., C.A. No. 3:15-02750 (N.D. Tex.).

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