

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
MIAMI DIVISION**

Case No. 98-168-CIV-MOORE

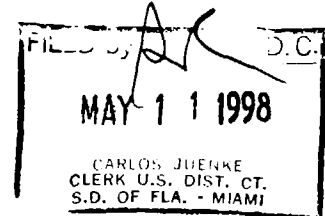
JOEL L. LOPATE and KAY LOPATE,
individually and on behalf of all others similarly
situated,
Plaintiffs,

vs.

ORDER

AMERICAN BANKERS INSURANCE GROUP,
INC., et al.,
Defendant.

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THIS CAUSE came before the Court upon the Parties' Stipulation for Consolidation and Appointment of Lead Plaintiff and Counsel (DE 43).

UPON CONSIDERATION of the Stipulation, and the pertinent portions of the record, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, the Court enters the following Order.

Plaintiffs have stipulated that cases 98-168-CIV-MOORE, 98-175-CIV-MOORE, 98-212-CIV-MOORE, 98-256-CIV-MOORE, and 98-273-CIV-MOORE be consolidated. The Court approves the Stipulation.

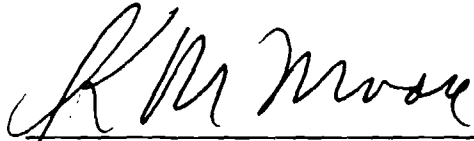
Plaintiffs in the five related shareholder actions shall file a consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint within twenty (20) days from the date of this Order. All future pleadings shall be filed under case number 98-168-CIV-MOORE. The other four actions shall be dismissed without prejudice with leave to become parties to the consolidated Amended Complaint. Named Plaintiffs in the related actions shall be included as named Plaintiffs in the Amended Class Action Complaint filed herein. The law firms of Goodkind Labaton Rudoff & Sucharow LLP and Abbey Gardy & Squitieri LLP are appointed as Co-Lead Counsel and Burt & Pucillo LLP

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are appointed as liaison counsel.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Stipulation be, and the same is hereby,
APPROVED.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida, this 7th day of May, 1998.



K. MICHAEL MOORE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: counsel of record