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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re Merrill Lynch Auction Rate Securities
Litigation

09-md-02030 (LAP)

This Document Relates To: 08-cv-03037

ORDER GRANTING
WITHDRAWAL AND SUBSTITUTION
OF LEAD PLAINTIFF

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The request of Gerald Wendel and Robert Berzin to withdraw as Lead Plaintiffs in this action is **GRANTED**, and Mr. Wendel's and Mr. Berzin's claims are dismissed without prejudice;

2. Plaintiffs Colin Wilson, Ronald Levy, and Michael Bonde are **SUBSTITUTED** and **APPOINTED** to serve as Lead Plaintiffs in the above-captioned action, pursuant to Section 21D(a)(3)(B) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B), as amended by the PSLRA; and

3. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Levy and Mr. Bonde select Girard Gibbs LLP to serve as Lead Counsel for the Class pursuant to Section 21D(a)(3)(B) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B), as amended by the PSLRA, and that selection is hereby **APPROVED**.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 17, 2009

Loretta A. Preska
THE HONORABLE LORETTA A. PRESKA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE