

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

AIMIS ART CORPORATION and All  
Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

NORTHERN TRUST SECURITIES, INC.,  
NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION,  
and NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY,

Defendants.

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**ORDER TO: (1) APPOINT LEAD PLAINTIFF; AND (2) APPROVE  
LEAD PLAINTIFF'S CHOICE OF CO-LEAD COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2008, pursuant to Section 21D(3)(A)(II) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”), Aimis Art Corporation moved the court to serve as lead plaintiff for the putative class;

WHEREAS, the time to oppose Aimis Art Corporation’s motion expired on December 5, 2008 and no opposition to Aimis Art Corporation’s motion was filed; and

WHEREAS, Aimis Art Corporation, by and through its respective counsel, has agreed that Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP, Stueve Siegal Hanson LLP and Criden & Love, P.A. should be appointed to serve as Co-Lead Counsel.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All related actions subsequently filed in, or transferred to, this District shall be consolidated into this action. This Order shall apply to every such action, absent an order of the Court. A party that objects to such consolidation, or to any other provisions of this Order, must file an application for relief from this Order within ten days after the date on which a copy of this Order is mailed to the party’s counsel.

2. This Order is entered without prejudice to the rights of any party to apply for severance of any claim or action, with good cause shown.

**APPOINTMENT OF LEAD PLAINTIFF AND CO-LEAD COUNSEL**

3. Pursuant to Section 21D(a)(3)(B) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B), Aimis Art Corporation is appointed as Lead Plaintiff for the class.

4. Aimis Art Corporation’s choice of counsel is approved and accordingly, the law firms of Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP, Stueve Siegal Hanson LLP and Criden & Love, P.A. are appointed to serve as Co-Lead Counsel.

## RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF CO-LEAD COUNSEL

5. Co-Lead Counsel, after being appointed by the Court, shall manage the prosecution of this litigation. Co-Lead Counsel are to avoid duplicative or unproductive activities and are hereby vested by the Court with responsibilities and duties that include, without limitation, the following: 1) to prepare all pleadings; 2) to direct and coordinate the briefing and arguing of motions in accordance with the schedules set by the orders and rules of this Court; 3) to initiate and direct discovery; 4) to prepare the case for trial; and 5) to engage in settlement negotiations on behalf of Lead Plaintiff. Co-Lead Counsel is authorized to delegate specific tasks to other counsel in a manner to ensure that pretrial preparation for the plaintiffs is conducted efficiently and effectively.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 19 December 2008



THE HONORABLE VICTOR MARRERO  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE