IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

BRANDI F. RAMUNDO, On Behalf of Herself and All Others Similarly Situated,		Case No. 1:11-cv-03350
v.	Plaintiff,)	Honorable Charles P. Kocoras
MICHAELS STORES, INC corporation,	, a Delaware)	
	Defendant.)	
MARY ALLEN, on behalf of others similarly situated,	of herself and all)	Case No. 1:11-cv-03579
v.	Plaintiff,)	Honorable Blanche M. Manning
MICHAELS STORES, INC. corporation,	, a Delaware)	
	Defendant.)	
)	
KIMBERLY M. SIPRUT, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,		Case No. 1:11-cv-03725
v.	Plaintiff,)	Honorable Robert M. Dow, Jr.
MICHAELS STORES, INC., a Delaware corporation,		
	Defendant.)	
)	

PROPOSED ORDER APPOINTING INTERIM CLASS COUNSEL

Upon the joint motion of Plaintiffs Brandi F. Ramundo ("Ramundo"), Mary Allen ("Allen"), and Kimberly M. Siprut ("Siprut") (collectively, "Plaintiffs") for Appointment of Interim Class Counsel pursuant to Rule 23(g)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- 1. Plaintiffs' Motion is GRANTED.
- 2. Scott A. Bursor, of Bursor & Fisher, P.A., Anthony Vozzolo, of Faruqi & Faruqi, LLP, and Adam J. Levitt, of Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz LLC are appointed Interim Class Counsel pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 (g)(3) to act on behalf of the plaintiffs in any of the above-captioned actions and in the master consolidated IN RE MICHAELS PIN PAD LITIGATION, Master File No. 1:11-cv-03350 (collectively, the "Consolidated Actions").
- 3. Interim Class Counsel are expected to maintain communications and promote harmonious dealings among all plaintiffs' counsel for their respective actions. Interim Class Counsel also shall coordinate with each other as required during the course of proceedings. Interim Class Counsel shall be responsible for and have plenary authority to provide general supervision of the activities of plaintiffs' counsel in the Consolidated Actions. Specifically, Interim Class Counsel shall have the authority to:
 - a. Determine and present (in briefs, oral argument, or such other fashion as may be appropriate, personally or by a designee) to the Court and opposing parties the position of plaintiffs in the Consolidated Actions on all matters arising during proceedings;
 - b. Coordinate and conduct discovery on behalf of plaintiffs in the Consolidated Actions consistent with the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 26(b)(1), 26(b)(2), and 26(g), including any discovery and scheduling orders that the Court may

issue, including the preparation of joint interrogatories and requests for production of documents and the examination of witnesses in depositions;

- c. Host or co-host a common document depository for the plaintiffs and monitor the review of documents to ensure proper performance and non-duplication of effort;
- d. Coordinate the selection and preparation of expert witnesses for the plaintiffs in the Consolidated Actions;
- e. Conduct settlement negotiations on behalf of plaintiffs in the Consolidated Actions;
- f. Delegate specific tasks to other counsel and appoint such informal committees of counsel as necessary to ensure that pretrial preparation for the plaintiffs in the Consolidated Actions is conducted efficiently and effectively;
- g. Enter into stipulations with opposing counsel as necessary for the conduct of the litigation;
- h. Prepare and distribute periodic status reports for the plaintiffs to the Court and/or the parties;
- i. Monitor the activities of co-counsel to ensure that schedules are met and unnecessary expenditures of time and funds are avoided; and
- j. Perform such other duties as may be incidental to proper coordination of Plaintiffs' activities or authorized by further order of the Court.
- 4. Interim Class Counsel also shall maintain lists of all plaintiffs' counsel and their respective addresses.

- 5. No pleadings or other papers shall be filed or tasks performed by plaintiffs' counsel in the Consolidated Actions without the advance approval of Interim Class Counsel. No discovery shall be conducted by the plaintiffs without the advance approval of Interim Class Counsel. This is intended to prevent duplication of pleadings, discovery or tasks by plaintiffs' counsel. Unless filing an application for relief from the Court's Order Relating, Reassigning and Consolidating Cases, all pleadings or other papers filed with the Court on behalf of any plaintiff shall be filed through Interim Class Counsel.
- 6. All plaintiffs' counsel in the Consolidated Actions shall submit to Interim Class Counsel as appropriate a record of time expended and expenses incurred in the manner, form, and frequency directed by Interim Class Counsel.
- 7. The parties will comply with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois' rules regarding Electronic Case Filing ("ECF") for all documents submitted for filing before this Court. Service through ECF shall be deemed sufficient with no additional service required. For documents to be served but not filed, service on Interim Class Counsel constitutes service on all other attorneys or parties in the Consolidated Actions.
- 8. The Court recognizes that cooperation by and among counsel is essential for the orderly and expeditious resolution of this litigation. Accordingly, the mere communication of otherwise privileged information among and between plaintiffs' counsel shall not be deemed a waiver of attorney client privilege or the attorney-client privilege or the attorney work product immunity.
- 9. Counsel for all parties are directed to cooperate with one another, wherever possible, to promote the expeditious handling of pre-trial proceedings in the Consolidated Actions.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Honorable Charles P. Kocoras United States District Court Northern District of Illinois