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In Re: MDL 1932 Family Dollar Stores, inc., Wage and Hour Employment Practices
Litigation

To All Counsel of Record:

The United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina has been designated for centralization of the above-referenced multidistrict litigation by the April 8, 2008 Transfer Order of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. The Transfer Order was filed in this district on April 8, 2008, and the master docket number 3:08-md-1932 has been assigned.

The Hon. Graham C. Mullen has been appointed by the panel to preside over this litigation. Judge Mullen's address is as follows:

Hon. Graham C. Mullen
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The United States District Court Clerk for the Western District of North Carolina is Frank G. Johns. The main office is located in Charlotte, NC with divisional offices in Asheville, NC and Statesville, NC. This MDL proceeding will be maintained in the Charlotte Division with all documents electronically filed via the Court's Case Management and Electronic Case Filing (CM-ECF) system. In the event a document must be submitted to the court in paper form by regular mail, it should be mailed to the Charlotte Division of the Clerk's Office at:

U.S. District Court Clerk
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The May 13, 2008 [Practice and Procedure Order](#) entered by the Hon. Graham C. Mullen sets forth instructions regarding the electronic filing of documents, the master docket, individual case filings, joint submissions, attorney appearances, association of local counsel, service prior to pretrial conference, hearings, orders, discovery, contact information, referrals to U.S. Magistrate Judges/Special Masters, organization of plaintiffs' counsel, pretrial conference, local rules and resources.

The website for the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina can be found at www.ncwd.uscourts.gov. The website can provide you with access to the CM-ECF system as well as PACER. If you do not have a CM-ECF account with our district, you can request one from the website's homepage. Take a moment and review the website as there is a broad range of information available regarding this district as well as useful links to other relevant sites.

All pleadings filed within the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina are to be filed electronically via the CM-ECF system in accordance with the local rules and the Practice and Procedure Order governing this litigation. All pleadings shall be e-filed only in the Master Docket No. 3:08-md-1932. Copies of documents can be obtained through the PACER system at a cost of \$.08 per page for downloading case information or can be ordered through the Clerk of Court at a cost of \$.50 per page. Copy work ordered through the Clerk of Court will need to be paid for at the time the request is made.

As mentioned above, a copy of the Court's Practice and Procedure Order is enclosed with this notice. Please review the order and notify our office if you have any questions regarding the information provided within the order or this notice.

Signed: October 10, 2008

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank G. Johns". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Frank G. Johns, Clerk
United States District Court

