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**United States District Court**  
For the Northern District of California

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

Vernon Dower, et al.,  
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Peggy Parker, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,  
v.  
Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations,  
LLC, et al.,  
Defendants.  
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NO. C 06-06837 JW  
NO. C 08-05704 JW

**ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES;  
NOMINATING TOM DENVER AS THE  
NEW SPECIAL MASTER; APPOINTING  
LESTER LEVY AS MEDIATOR**

On June 1, 2009, the Court conducted a Case Management Conference. Counsel for the respective parties were present. In addition, on June 3, 2009, the Court conducted a telephonic conference with Lester Levy. In light of the discussion at the conference, the Court orders as follows:

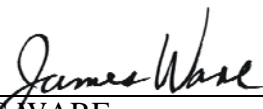
- (1) In light of the parties' stipulation and the Court's finding that the cases should be consolidated, the Court ORDERS Dower v. Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC, C 06-06837 JW, consolidated with, Parker v. Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC, C 08-05704 JW. The Clerk of Court shall consolidate these actions such that the earlier filed action, C 06-06837 JW, is the lead case. All future filings shall be filed in C 06-06837 JW and bear the caption: "In re Bridgestone Americas

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Tire Operations Litigation.” In addition, the Clerk shall administratively close C 08-05704 JW.

- (2) Plaintiffs shall file an Amended Consolidated Complaint on or before **June 25, 2009**.
- (3) The Court nominates Tom Denver of Mediation Masters,<sup>1</sup> to serve as the Special Master in this case. Any objections to this nomination shall be served and filed on or before **June 18, 2009**. If no objections are filed, the Court will issue a subsequent order to define the scope of Mr. Denver appointment.
- (4) Lester Levy, previously the Special Master for all purposes, shall serve as a mediator to facilitate settlement.

Dated: June 10, 2009

  
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JAMES WARE  
United States District Judge

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11 **Dated: June 10, 2009**

**Richard W. Wieking, Clerk**

By:           /s/ JW Chambers            
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