

## Michael Hausfeld Appointed Co-Lead Counsel for Purchasers Suing Domestic Airlines for Price-Fixing

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Related Practice Areas: **Antitrust / Competition**

Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia appointed Michael Hausfeld as interim co-lead counsel for the proposed class of direct purchasers alleging that the four largest domestic airlines—American, Delta, Southwest, and United—conspired to fix prices for airline tickets from at least January 1, 2009 to present.

Judge Kollar-Kotelly held a three-hour hearing on February 3, 2016, where the four competing leadership proposals were reviewed in light of the criteria the Court indicated it would consider in selecting Plaintiffs' Interim Class Counsel:

- the work counsel has done in identifying or investigating potential claims in the action;
- counsel's experience in handling class actions, other complex litigation, and the types of claims asserted in the action;
- counsel's knowledge of the applicable law; the resources that counsel will commit to representing the class;
- counsel's ability to fund the litigation;
- the absence of conflicts with different interests on Plaintiffs' side;
- counsel's ability to command the confidence of his or her colleagues;
- counsel's ability to work cooperatively with the Court and opposing counsel; and
- the need for people with diverse skill sets and viewpoints who can add to the value of the overall representation.

In an order dated February 4, 2016, after careful consideration of the leadership proposals and responses provided to the Court, Judge Kollar-Kotelly appointed Michael Hausfeld of Hausfeld LLP and Steven Williams of Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP as interim co-lead counsel. "We are pleased with this result and look forward to seeking relief on behalf of the class," said Hausfeld Chairman, Michael D. Hausfeld.

Hausfeld attorneys working on this case are Michael Hausfeld, Bonny Sweeney, Hilary Scherrer and Jeannine Kenney. The case is *In re Domestic Airline Travel Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 15-mc-01404 (CKK).

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