

**UNITED STATES JUDICIAL PANEL**  
**on**  
**MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION**

**IN RE: GEORGE CLINTON JUDGMENT  
ENFORCEMENT LITIGATION**

MDL No. 2383

**ORDER DENYING TRANSFER**

**Before the Panel:**\* Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, judgment debtor George Clinton moves to centralize this litigation in the Central District of California. This litigation currently consists of seven actions, as listed in Schedule A, pending in four districts. The Panel has been notified of two additional, potentially related actions.

The judgment creditor, Hendricks & Lewis, PLLC – a Seattle-based law firm that obtained two judgments in the Western District of Washington against Mr. Clinton relating to legal fees owed for prior services – opposes the motion.

On the basis of the papers filed and the hearing session held, we conclude that Section 1407 centralization will not serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses or further the just and efficient conduct of this litigation. Even if centralization of these judgment enforcement proceedings were appropriate under Section 1407 – a question we need not answer here – Mr. Clinton has not demonstrated that these actions share common factual questions that are sufficiently complex, unresolved or numerous to justify centralization. Although the seven actions on the motion are technically open, it appears there are only three proceedings pending in two districts that are being actively litigated. Mr. Clinton has alleged only that each proceeding is premised on the allegation that he has failed to satisfy the judgments. Each proceeding, however, is directed towards different assets and different potential third-party garnishees. Additionally, both the law and the procedures available for judgment enforcement in these proceedings differ pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 69(a)(1). Available alternatives to centralization may minimize whatever possibilities may arise of duplicative discovery in these post-judgment proceedings involving the same two parties. *See, e.g., In re Eli Lilly and Co., (Cephalexin Monohydrate) Patent Litig.*, 446 F. Supp. 242, 244 (J.P.M.L. 1978); *see also Manual for Complex Litigation, Fourth*, § 20.14 (2004).

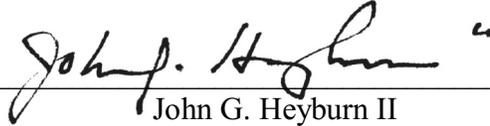
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\* Judge Charles R. Breyer took no part in the decision of this matter.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the motion, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, for centralization of the actions listed on Schedule A is denied.

PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

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**SCHEDULE A**

Central District of California

Hendricks & Lewis PLLC v. George Clinton, C.A. No. 2:10-09921

Northern District of Florida

Hendricks & Lewis PLLC v. George Clinton, C.A. No. 4:10-mc-00055

Eastern District of Michigan

In re Certification of Judgment 10-0253 Western District of Washington, et al. v.  
George Clinton, C.A. No. 2:10-mc-50923

Western District of Washington

George Clinton v. Hendricks & Lewis PLLC, et al., C.A. No. 2:11-01142  
Hendricks & Lewis PLLC v. George Clinton, et al., C.A. No. 2:11-mc-00027  
Hendricks & Lewis PLLC v. George Clinton, C.A. No. 2:12-00841  
Hendricks & Lewis PLLC v. George Clinton, C.A. No. 2:12-00884