

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

ELI FRIEDMAN, Individually and on
behalf of all Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

RAYOVAC CORPORATION, KENNETH
V. BILLER, KENT J. HUSSEY, DAVID A.
JONES, SCOTT A SCHOEN, STEPHEN
P. SHANESY, THOMAS R. SHEPARD,
RANDALL J. STEWARD, WARREN C.
SMITH, JR. and MERRELL M. TOMLIN,

Defendants.

OPINION AND
ORDER

02-C-308-C

RICHARD SLATTEN, Individually and
on behalf of all Others Similarly Situated,
Plaintiff,

v.

RAYOVAC CORPORATION, KENNETH
V. BILLER, KENT J. HUSSEY, DAVID A.
JONES, SCOTT A SCHOEN, STEPHEN
P. SHANESY, THOMAS R. SHEPARD,
RANDALL J. STEWARD, WARREN C.
SMITH, JR. and MERRELL M. TOMLIN,

Defendants.

02-C-325-C

DAVID HAYES, Individually and on
behalf of all Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

02-C-370-C

v.

RAYOVAC CORPORATION, KENNETH
V. BILLER, KENT J. HUSSEY, DAVID A.
JONES, SCOTT A SCHOEN, STEPHEN
P. SHANESY, THOMAS R. SHEPARD,
RANDALL J. STEWARD, WARREN C.
SMITH, JR., MERRELL M. TOMLIN
and LUIS CANCIO,

Defendants.

In an order dated October 22, 2002, I denied the lead plaintiff group's motion to appoint three law firms as co-lead counsel because I concluded that multiple lead counsel would not serve the best interests of the class. I ordered the lead plaintiff group to move to appoint one law firm as lead counsel by November 7, 2002. In response, the lead plaintiff group has moved to appoint Cauley Geller Bowman & Coates, LLP, as lead counsel. The lead plaintiff group has submitted materials to the court that demonstrate proposed counsel's significant experience in prosecuting class actions involving securities law. I am persuaded that proposed counsel will serve the best interests of the class. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the lead plaintiff group's motion is GRANTED. The lead plaintiff group's choice of Cauley Geller Bowman & Coates, LLP, as lead counsel for the proposed class in this case is APPROVED.

Entered this 12th day of November, 2002.

BY THE COURT:

BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge