

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

ADAM STEELE, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
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<i>Plaintiffs,</i>	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 1:14-cv-1523-RCL
	)	
UNITED STATES,	)	
	)	
<i>Defendant.</i>	)	
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**ORDER**

Upon consideration of the motion [118] for Allen Buckley LLC to be appointed sole lead counsel for the plaintiff class, the opposition [120] thereto, the reply [121], and the record herein, the motion is hereby **DENIED**. The Court is persuaded that the size of the class and the large amount of vigorously contested discovery and the resources that Motley Rice brings to this case makes this decision in the best interests of the class. It is, of course, the Court’s desire that all counsel for plaintiffs’ class work cooperatively in the best interest of their clients. That is admittedly not always easy in difficult cases, but the Court expects that professionalism on everyone’s part will lead to a result here that will provide justice in the end for all concerned.

It is **SO ORDERED**.

Date: April 27, 2020

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/s/  
Royce C. Lamberth  
United States District Court Judge