

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

**IN RE: BANK OF AMERICA
WAGE AND HOUR EMPLOYMENT
LITIGATION**

No. 10-MD-2138-JWL

This Order Relates to All Cases

SUGGESTION OF REMAND

This multidistrict litigation proceeding consolidates numerous putative collective and class actions against Bank of America, N.A. and Bank of America Corporation (“the Bank”) on behalf of current and former non-exempt retail branch and call center employees alleging violations of both federal and state wage and hour laws. This matter is presently before the court on plaintiffs’ recommendation that the court suggest that the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation remand to the respective transferor courts certain individual claims that are unrelated to any alleged violations of federal or state wage-and-hour laws. Specifically, plaintiffs recommend that the court suggest remand of the following individual claims to the respective transferor courts:

In *Carrero v. Bank of America*, Case No. 09-cv-862 (M.D. Fla.): Count II (violation of the FMLA); Counts III and IV (FMLA retaliation); and Counts V and VI (defamation).

In *Kauffman v. Bank of America*, Case No. 09-cv-04114 (N.D. Cal.): Count VII (violation of the California Fair Employment & Housing Act); Count VIII (disability discrimination under FEHA); Count IX (retaliatory termination); and Count X (defamation).

In *Zhou v. Bank of America*, Case No. 09-cv-04016 (N.D. Cal.): Count VI (failure to pay or race discrimination under FEHA); Count VII (violation of California Family Rights Act); Count VIII (retaliatory termination); and Count IX (libel).

The Bank has not asserted a meritorious objection to plaintiffs' recommendation¹ and the court agrees that these claims should be remanded back to their respective transferor courts.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT the court hereby suggests remand to the respective transferor courts of the individual claims set forth in this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 7th day of January, 2011.

s/ John W. Lungstrum

John W. Lungstrum

United States District Judge

¹In its submissions, the Bank argued that the individual claims had been abandoned by plaintiffs' failure to include those claims in the consolidated complaint filed in this MDL. The court has rejected that argument in a telephone status conference held today and the Bank makes no other arguments against remand.