

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE WORLDCOM, INC. SECURITIES : 02 Civ. 3288 (DLC)
LITIGATION :
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DENISE COTE, District Judge:

On March 4, 2005, an Order was issued inviting parties in the consolidated class action in the WorldCom Securities Litigation to address whether the class action claims against defendants Bernard J. Ebbers ("Ebbers"), Scott Sullivan ("Sullivan"), David Myers ("Myers"), and Buford Yates, Jr. ("Yates"), each of whom is being criminally prosecuted, and against each of whom this civil litigation has been stayed, should be severed from the claims that will be litigated at the class action trial scheduled to begin on March 17, 2005. Director Defendant John A. Porter ("Porter") requested a severance on March 7, as a result of his filing for bankruptcy on April 12, 2004, and the pendency of those bankruptcy proceedings. Ebbers having requested a severance pursuant to Rule 21, as opposed to Rule 42 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and no party having opposed a Rule 21 severance, and having considered the parties' submissions on these issues, it is hereby

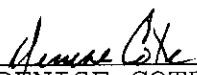
ORDERED that the claims in the class action filed in the Securities Litigation against defendants Ebbers, Sullivan, Myers,

Yates, and Porter are severed pursuant to Rule 21, Fed. R. Civ. P.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to the request of the Underwriter Defendants and Lead Plaintiff and without objection by any other party, any testimony at the criminal trial of Ebbers given by one of these five severed defendants shall be deemed admissible at the class action trial pursuant to Rule 807, Fed. R. Evid.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York
March 16, 2005



DENISE COTE
United States District Judge