Arthur-Magna, Inc., 1991 WL 13725, at *1. *See also Krieger v. Merck & Co.*, 2005 WL 2921640, at *2 (W.D.N.Y. Nov. 4, 2005) (noting that "the risk of hardship to [the defendant] of engaging in duplicative motion practice and discovery proceedings outweighs any prejudice that could potentially inure to [the plaintiff]").

In the present case, all three considerations weigh heavily in favor of granting Toyota's motion for a stay. First, a finite, temporary stay of action in this case is unlikely to result in harm to Plaintiff. This lawsuit is in its infancy, and any delay in the preliminary proceedings would be brief. For example, following its last hearing on January 27, 2010, the JPML decided all nine requests for consolidation within sixteen days of the hearing (and decided seven of them within nine days). Accordingly, a finite stay of this action pending the JPML's decision will be brief. Indeed, if the stay is only in effect until the JPML issues a decision on transfer, courts have recognized that "there will be no extended delay in the commencement of discovery" and "[t]he plaintiffs will not be substantially prejudiced." *Am. Seafood, Inc. v. Magnolia Processing, Inc.*, Nos. 2:92-cv-01086 and 2:92-cv-01030, 1992 WL 102762, at *1 (E.D. Pa. May 7, 1992). *See also Bledsoe*, 2006 WL 335450, at *1 (commenting that "any delay [pending JPML action] is likely to be relatively short"); *Falgoust*, 2000 WL 462919, at *2 (noting that a plaintiff is not typically prejudiced by a "slight delay pending the JPML decision").

With respect to the second factor, even if Plaintiff could somehow demonstrate prejudice to his case due to this minimal delay, the very real hardship on Toyota in the absence of a stay substantially outweighs any alleged prejudice to Plaintiff. If no stays issue, Toyota will be forced to continue litigating these suits in dozens of separate courts throughout the country, thereby imposing an enormous burden in terms of both time and resources on Toyota. Such effort would be particularly wasteful in a situation such as this one in which eventual consolidated treatment is almost certain.