will likely be witnesses in these cases and will need to travel back and forth to the United States throughout these consolidated pretrial proceedings. TMC employees are accustomed to traveling to Los Angeles because Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. is headquartered there. Furthermore, there are significantly more direct flights between Japan and Los Angeles than between Japan and any of the other proposed transferee districts, and the flights between Japan and Los Angeles are also less expensive. Thus, although it may be equally burdensome for parties in Los Angeles to travel to Miami (or New Orleans or Lexington) as it is for parties in those districts to travel to Los Angles, the frequency and convenience of flights between Los Angeles and Japan weigh heavily in favor of transfer to the Central District of California.

D. The Central District of California Can Efficiently Handle Large Consolidated Proceedings.

In addition to being a convenient transferee district for parties and witnesses and being the district most familiar with the pending cases, the Central District of California also has the capacity to accommodate these proceedings. *See In re Columbia Univ. Patent Litig.*, 313 F. Supp. 2d 1383, 1385 (J.P.M.L. 2004) (deciding to "assign the litigation to a district i) in which half of the actions are pending; and ii) that is presently equipped with the resources likely required by the complex docket."). With a median time from filing to disposition of only 6.9 months, transferring these cases to the Central District of California will ensure that the consolidated pretrial proceedings are resolved in a timely and expeditious manner. *See* http://www.uscourts.gov/judbus2008/appendices/C05Sep08.pdf, attached as Exhibit 2.

E. Judge Matz Is Eminently Qualified to Preside Over These Actions.

The experience and knowledge of a particular judge is one of the factors that may be considered in determining the appropriate transferee forum. *See, e.g., In re Factor VIII or IX Concentrate Blood Prod. Liab. Litig.*, 853 F. Supp. 454, 455 (J.P.M.L. 1993); *In re Silicone Gel*