relevant documents in these cases will be located in Los Angeles, with a considerable number of documents and witnesses also potentially located in Japan. In short, the Central District of California is the district with the most significant connection to this litigation in terms of the location of potential evidence.

The Central District of California is also significantly more convenient than the Eastern District of Kentucky or the Southern District of West Virginia for parties and witnesses, particularly Defendant TMC which is located in Japan. This is particularly true for the Southern District of West Virginia, because there are no direct flights from Charleston, West Virginia to California. Given the number of California-based plaintiffs and defendants, as well TMC's location in Japan, the lack of direct flights between Los Angeles and these districts will be inconvenient for many of the parties involved.

Finally, there are significantly more active judges in the Central District of California than in any of the other proposed transferee districts, which will assist in ensuring that the judge assigned to these cases is able to devote sufficient time to case management. The Central District of California has twenty-five active judges, and only eleven currently pending Section 1407 proceedings. The Eastern District of Louisiana, by contrast, has only twelve active judges, but six pending MDL actions. Although the Southern District of Florida has seventeen active judges, it also has ten pending MDLs. Accordingly, the Central District of California is a more appropriate venue. *See In re Teflon Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 416 F. Supp. 2d 1364 (J.P.M.L. 2006) (taking into consideration other MDL dockets already pending in that jurisdiction); *In re Serzone Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 217 F. Supp. 2d 1372, 1374 (J.P.M.L. 2002) (transferring to a district "that is not currently overtaxed with other multidistrict dockets"); *In re Bayol Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 180 F. Supp. 2d 1378 (J.P.M.L. 2001) (same). Additionally, although there are fewer MDL actions