

## Lawyers picked for leadership posts in air bag lawsuits

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MIAMI (AP) — Two South Florida attorneys and a lawyer who represented former Vice President Al Gore in the 2000 election recount have been chosen for leadership posts in lawsuits over defective auto air bags.

U.S. District Judge Federico Moreno is presiding over dozens of lawsuits consolidated in Miami federal court. The lawsuits seek unspecified economic and personal injury damages against air bag maker Takata Corp. and numerous auto makers.

South Florida attorney **Peter Prieto of the Podhurst Orseck** firm will be chief counsel for all plaintiffs. Curtis Miner, of the Coral Gables firm Colson Hicks Eidsen, was named lead counsel for the personal injury plaintiffs.

David Boies of New York, who represented Gore, was picked co-lead counsel for plaintiffs seeking economic damages along with Todd A. Smith of Chicago.

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