

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

CASE NO:

Defendant(s).

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF/ DEFENDANT'S LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS
ATTORNEY OF RECORD AND SETTING STATUS CONFERENCE**

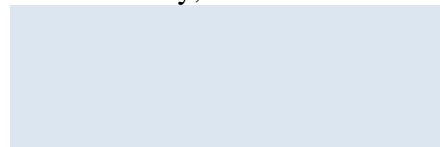
THIS CAUSE, having been brought before this Court on Plaintiff/ Defendant's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel for Plaintiff/ Defendant's, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby **ORDERED and ADJUDGED** that:

1. Attorney Name, Esq., of Law Firm Name, is permitted to withdraw as attorney of record for Plaintiff/ Defendant, _____, in the above-styled case and is relieved of any further action in this case. In consequence thereof, Plaintiff/ Defendant, _____ is now deemed a pro se (self-representing) litigant.
2. All further communications shall be directed to:
PLAINTIFF/ DEFENDANT NAME
Address Line 1
City, State, Zip Code
E-mail:
3. A *pro se* party must be held to the same standards as an attorney by operation of law. The Court cannot give any legal advice to a *pro se* litigant. It is a *pro se* litigant's responsibility to familiarize him/herself with the law applicable to their case, the legal rules (eg. *Florida Rules of Court*), the Evidence Code, court records (eg. orders), and anything else applicable to the case. Failure to follow law, rules, orders of the Court, et cetera may result in adverse consequences for a non-compliant *pro se* litigant, including but not limited to the entry of an order imposing sanctions, fees, fines, court costs, default, dismissal, and/or such other relief as the Court deems appropriate and the law permits.
4. Plaintiff/ Defendant, _____, shall have thirty (30) days from the date of this order to retain new counsel. All pending matters in this cause are temporarily stayed or otherwise abated for said period. Said period shall expire early in the event the *pro se* party files a notice of intention to represent him/herself during the thirty (30)

day period or if a licensed attorney in good standing authorized to practice law in the State of Florida files a notice of appearance or other pleading on the party's behalf.

5. In the event new counsel does not file a notice of appearance or other pleading during the next thirty (30) days, the above referenced party shall be deemed a *pro se* litigant and the case shall normally proceed after the thirty (30) day stay/abatement period has passed. This provision does not apply to a corporate entity, however, as Florida law only allows an individual proper person to represent oneself. In the event a corporate entity fails to timely secure counsel along with a timely filed notice of appearance, for example, said party may be subjected to entry of a dismissal of its claims (if any) and/or the striking of its answer and defenses along with the entry of an adverse (default) judgment against it.
6. This matter is set for a Status Conference on **COURT WILL ENTER DATE** The parties must appear by zoom. The Zoom link is <https://zoom.us>. **The ZOOM Meeting ID is 951-7278-1194 and Password is 821089.** The Zoom App is available for free for IOS and Android devices, and it may also be accessed via desktop computer. You do not need an account and you do not have to pay a fee to use this service. Please visit the Zoom Help Center at <https://support.zoom.us> to familiarize yourself with the service before your court date.
7. If new counsel for Plaintiff/ Defendant is obtained, the new counsel must file a notice of appearance within 30 days of this Order and appear for the Status Conference scheduled for _____ by Zoom. If Plaintiff / Defendant or new counsel do not appear at the Status Conference, then this case will be dismissed without prejudice and will be subject to taxation of costs.
8. SELF REPRESENTED PARTIES AS WELL AS NEW COUNSEL ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING AN E-MAIL WITH THE STATE E-PORTAL IN ORDER TO RECEIVE NOTICES, ORDERS AND E-MAIL NOTIFICATION WITH HEARING INFORMATION SUCH AS ZOOM LOG IN INFORMATION.

DONE AND ORDERED, in Chambers at Collier County, Florida.



Hon. Lauren L. Brodie
Circuit Court Judge

CC: All counsel of record via e-service.

Copies sent via U.S Mail to:

PLAINTIFF/ DEFENDANT NAME

Address Line 1

City, State, Zip Code

E-mail:

“If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Charles Rice, Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at 3315 Tamiami Trail East, Suite 501, Naples, Florida 34112, and whose telephone number is (239) 252-8800, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.”