IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

Plaintiff(s),

vs

Case Number:

Defendant(s).

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**ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD**

**AND SETTING CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

THIS CAUSE having come before the Court for hearing upon Plaintiff’s counsel’s Motion for Leave to Withdraw as Attorney of Record for Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in the above-styled cause and the Court having reviewed the pleadings, heard argument, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, does hereby

FIND, ORDER, and ADJUDICATE:

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,** is permitted to withdraw as attorney/counsel of record for Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in the above-styled case and is relieved of any further action in this case. In consequence thereof, Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**,** is now deemed a pro se (self-representing) litigant.

All further communications shall be directed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the following address and telephone number as provided by withdrawing counsel:

1. 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.
2. Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 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.
3. 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.
4. Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, must appear by zoom at a Case Management Conference for this cause scheduled for **Monday, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a.m.** before Judge Keith Kyleat the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, Courtroom 4P.The zoom link for this case management conference is:

(<https://zoom.us/j/95818196610?pwd=dVpjdVg5Z3p0WTdNWHNNM1pEeWpsUT09> Meeting ID: 958 1819 6610 Passcode: 965021).

1. If new counsel is obtained by Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the new counsel must file a notice of appearance prior to the Case Management Conference scheduled for **Monday, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a.m.** and appear by zoom. If Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or new counsel if retained by him do not appear at the Case Management Conference, then this case will be dismissed without prejudice and will be subject to taxation of costs.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida.

Via U.S. 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 Brooke Dean, Operations Division Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1771, 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.**