

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADAM STEELE,)	
BRITTANY MONTROIS, AND)	
A CLASS OF MORE THAN)	
700,000 SIMILARLY SITUATED)	
INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES,)	
)	
Plaintiffs)	
v.)	CIVIL ACTION
)	FILE NO. 1-14-cv-01523-TSC
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
Defendant)	

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS CO-COUNSEL

Stuart J. Bassin hereby moves for leave to withdraw as co-counsel for the plaintiffs in this matter.

As good cause for allowance of this motion, Mr. Bassin states that his co-counsel, Allen Buckley, and plaintiffs terminated their relationship with him by letter dated November 21, 2014, with the termination to be effective thirty days later. Accordingly, he can no longer serve as co-counsel for

plaintiffs in this case and must seek the Court's permission to withdraw as co-counsel, leaving Mr. Buckley as counsel for the plaintiffs.

To avoid any confusion, Mr. Bassin caused counsel for the defendant and the clerk of courts to be advised promptly that he would be formally seeking the Court's permission to withdraw as counsel. This notice having been given, he allowed plaintiffs several weeks to arrange other representation. To date, no new counsel has entered an appearance.

Presently, there are three documents before the Court which contemplate Mr. Bassin's further involvement in the litigation, specifically – (1) motion for class certification and appointment as class co-counsel with Mr. Buckley (Pleading #10), (2) motion for appointment as interim class co-counsel with Mr. Buckley (Pleading #7), and (3) (3) motion for the *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Buckley (Pleading #6). Under the circumstances, Mr. Bassin withdraws his requests for appointment as interim class co-counsel and class co-counsel, suggesting that those requests cannot be granted as currently filed. Likewise, Mr. Bassin cannot fulfill any obligations he has to supervise Mr. Buckley's conduct under the *pro hac vice* admission.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Stuart Bassin moves for leave to withdraw as plaintiffs' co-counsel in this case and to withdraw his requests to be appointed as interim class co-counsel and class co-counsel. A proposed order granting the motion is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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