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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 Michele Walker Harris LLC and Edgar S
10 Harris LLC,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 Larkey Process Company, Karen Thadani,
14 Vinay Thadani, Shiraz M Aladin, Manish
Sawhney, Andrew M Hull, and Denise
Holliday,

15 Defendants.
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No. CV-18-00374-PHX-JAT

ORDER

17 A complaint was filed in this case of February 2, 2018 on behalf of two limited
18 liability companies. The complaint was filed “pro se” by the companies.

19 Corporations and other unincorporated associations must appear in court through
20 an attorney. *D-Beam Ltd. P'ship v. Roller Derby Skates, Inc.*, 366 F.3d 972, 973-74 (9th
21 Cir. 2004); *In re America West Airlines*, 40 F.3d 1058, 1059 (9th Cir. 1994); *Rowland v.*
22 *Cal. Mens Colony*, 506 U.S. 194, 201-02 (1993).


23 In *Rowland*, the Supreme Court held that artificial entities cannot proceed *in forma*
24 *pauperis*. 506 U.S. at 196. As a result, Plaintiffs must pay the filing fee. Additionally,
25 because limited liability companies cannot appear pro se, the Court will give Plaintiffs
26 time to obtain counsel. However, if counsel does not appear within the time set forth
27 below, the complaint in this case will be stricken and the case will be closed.

28 Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion to proceed in forma pauperis (Doc. 2) is denied. Plaintiffs have until February 12, 2018 to pay the filing fee or the Clerk of the Court shall close this case (and enter judgment of dismissal without prejudice) without further order of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that (if this case is still open because Plaintiffs paid the filing fee by February 12, 2018) Plaintiffs shall obtain counsel who files a notice of appearance by March 2, 2018, or the Court will strike the complaint and dismiss this case.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2018.


James A. Teilborg
Senior United States District Judge