IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS TEXARKANA DIVISION

AMERICAN WESTERN HOME INSURANCE COMPANY

**PLAINTIFF** 

VS.

CASE NO. 11-CV-4071

STEVE JOHNSON,

et al

**DEFENDANTS** 

## **ORDER**

Before the Court is a Motion to Withdraw (ECF No. 53) filed on behalf of John Rogers, attorney for Separate Defendants Cherry Hill Printing, Inc., and Don Wolf. Also before the Court is a Motion for Extension of Time to File Dispositive Motions (ECF No. 54) filed on behalf of Separate Defendants Cherry Hill Printing, Inc. and Don Wolf. Plaintiff has filed a response (ECF No. 55) to the Motion for Extension of Time. The Court finds these matters ripe for consideration.

Separate Defendants' attorney, John Rogers, states that he "undertook counsel representation of Separate Defendants in this matter due to his representation of clients in a closely related federal case, *Kolbek, et. al v. Twenty-First Century Holiness Tabernacle Church et al.*, 4:10-cv-04124." John Rogers now requests that he be permitted to withdraw because "further representation in this matter is substantially beyond the scope of the representation undertaken on behalf of Separate Defendants" in the related *Kolbek* case. Mr. Rogers also states that he has not received compensation for his continued representation of Separate Defendants in this matter. Along with his Motion to Withdraw, Mr. Rogers has filed a Motion for Extension on behalf of Separate Defendants requesting that their deadline to file dispositive motions be extended so that they might have the opportunity to find new representation.

Upon consideration of the motions (ECF Nos. 53-54), the Court finds that they should be

and hereby are **DENIED**. This litigation has been pending for several years, and the September

18 deadline for filing dispositive motions is quickly approaching. The Court declines to extend

these deadlines any further. To allow Mr. Rogers to withdraw at this particular time would be

highly prejudicial to Separate Defendants because it would leave them without adequate time

find an attorney to respond to dispositive motions filed by Plaintiff or to file dispositive motions

on their behalf, if necessary. Mr. Rogers may refile his Motion to Withdraw after the dispositive

motions period, and the Court will reconsider whether withdrawal might be appropriate at that

time.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 15th day of September, 2015.

/s/ Susan O. Hickey

Susan O. Hickey

United States District Judge

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