



1 obtain counsel and continued to file documents by a non-attorney individual the court would  
2 impose sanctions, up to and including dismissal of this action.

3 No attorney has filed a notice of appearance in this action on behalf of Plaintiff The Rock.  
4 In addition, Oswald Georgner has continued to file documents on behalf of Plaintiff The Rock.

5 As previously explained, litigants in federal court have a statutory right to choose to act as  
6 their own counsel. 28 U.S.C. § 1654. However, this privilege is personal to the litigant.  
7 McShane v. United States, 366 F.2d 286, 288 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.1966). A non-attorney may not represent  
8 another. Johns v. County of San Diego, 114 F.3d 874, 876 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.1997); Church of the New  
9 Testament v. U.S., 783 F.2d 771, 774 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986); Russell v. United States, 308 F.2d 78, 79  
10 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.1962). A non-attorney may also not represent *any* entity, such as a corporation. Rowland  
11 v. California Men's Colony, 506 U.S. 194, 202 (1993). Corporations or associations may only  
12 appear in federal court by licensed counsel. Rowland, 506 U.S. at 202; Local Rule 83-183(a).  
13 Here, Plaintiff The Rock is a corporation that must be represented in this action by an attorney.  
14 The fact Oswald Georgner is the sole individual controlling Plaintiff The Rock does not allow  
15 Oswald Georgner to pursue an action on behalf of Plaintiff The Rock.

16 Accordingly, Plaintiff The Rock is ORDERED to show cause in writing by January 24,  
17 2009 why this action should not be dismissed for Plaintiff The Rock's failure to comply with the  
18 October 23, 2008 order to obtain counsel and Plaintiff The Rock's repeated attempts to proceed  
19 without an attorney. Plaintiff is FOREWARNED that failure of Plaintiff The Rock to respond to  
20 this order to show cause or failure to obtain counsel will result in DISMISSAL of this action.

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22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 **Dated:** January 6, 2009

/s/ Anthony W. Ishii  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE