

1 October 12, 2016, in granting final approval of a class action settlement, the court ordered that the lien
2 be released. (Doc. No. 83.)

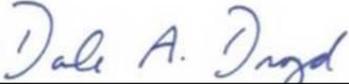
3 Before the court is attorney Smith's motion to withdraw as counsel of record for Ms.
4 Underwood, filed on September 14, 2016. (Doc. No. 80.) As a general rule, the authority of an
5 attorney to act for his or her client ends with the client's death. *Vapnek et al.*, California Practice
6 Guide: Professional Responsibility (The Rutter Group 2016), at ¶ 10:192. *See also*, Cal. Civ.
7 Code § 2356. Therefore, pursuant to Local Rule 182 and the California Rules of Professional
8 Conduct, Smith's motion to withdraw as counsel is hereby granted.

9 Accordingly,

- 10 1) Marilyn Smith's motion to withdraw as counsel (Doc. No. 80) is granted;
- 11 2) The Clerk of the Court is directed to terminate attorney Smith as the counsel of record
12 for judgment creditor Nancy A. Underwood on the docket of this action; and
- 13 3) The hearing on the motion to withdraw currently scheduled for October 18, 2016, at
14 9:30 a.m., is vacated.

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Dated: October 13, 2016

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19 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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