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| 8  | UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  |                         |
| 9  | FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  |                         |
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| 11 | SALMA AGHA-KHAN,  | No. 1:17-cv-00011-DAD   |
| 12 | Plaintiff,  |                         |
| 13 | v.  | ORDER ON PRO SE FILINGS |
| 14 | BANK OF AMERICA, et al.,  |                         |
| 15 | Defendants.   |                         |
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| 17 | Plaintiff Salma Agha-Khan initially brought this action proceeding in propria persona.                        |                         |
| 18 | (Doc. No. 1 at 10–61.) However, on April 7, 2017, attorney Joseph Shemaria filed a notice                     |                         |
| 19 | indicating that he was appearing as retained counsel of record on behalf of plaintiff Salma Agha-             |                         |
| 20 | Khan in this action. (Doc. Nos. 56 and 57.) Despite now being represented by counsel in this                  |                         |
| 21 | civil action, on April 12, 2017, plaintiff Agha-Khan nonetheless lodged with the court a multitude            |                         |
| 22 | of documents on her own behalf.   |                         |
| 23 | A litigant who is represented by counsel is not entitled to file documents with the court on                  |                         |
| 24 | their own behalf. See Franklin v. Knowles, 428 Fed. Appx. 777, at *1 (9th Cir. 2011) <sup>1</sup> ("Because   |                         |
| 25 | appellant is represented by counsel, only counsel may submit filings."); Meador v. Hammer, No.                |                         |
| 26 | 2:11-cv-3342 KJM AC P, 2015 WL 1238363, at *2 (E.D. Cal. Mar. 16, 2015) ("[P]laintiff has                     |                         |
| 27 | <sup>1</sup> Citation to this unpublished Ninth Circuit opinion is appropriate pursuant to Ninth Circuit Rule |                         |
| 28 | 36–3(b).  |                         |
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| 1  | previously been warned that pro se filings will be disregarded so long as he is represented by      |  |
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| 2  | counsel For these reasons, the court will disregard plaintiff's pro se filing."); Reiffin v.        |  |
| 3  | Microsoft Corp., No. C 98-0266 WHA, 2011 WL 2359059, at *1 (N.D. Cal. June 10, 2011)                |  |
| 4  | ("[P]laintiff himself-despite being represented by counsel-made a series of 'pro se' filings        |  |
| 5  | in the district court. These filings, which have since been stricken as improper ")                 |  |
| 6  | The court therefore declines to accept for filing the documents lodged by plaintiff on her          |  |
| 7  | own behalf since the appearance of counsel on her behalf in this action. The court recommends       |  |
| 8  | to plaintiff that she submit any such documents to her counsel for review. All court filings with   |  |
| 9  | the court made on behalf of plaintiff must be submitted by her counsel of record. Any documents     |  |
| 10 | submitted by plaintiff on her own behalf will not be filed on the docket and will be disregarded by |  |
| 11 | the court.  |  |
| 12 | IT IS SO ORDERED.   |  |
| 13 | Dated: April 14, 2017 Jale A. Dage  |  |
| 14 | UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  |  |
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