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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FARZANA SHEIKH, M.D.

Plaintiff,

v.

NO. CIV. S-10-0213 FCD GGH PS

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

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Plaintiff is proceeding in this action seemingly pro se and has paid the filing fee. This proceeding was referred to this court by Local Rule 302(21), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Plaintiff’s husband, Rehan Sheikh, seeks permission to utilize electronic filing in his representation of her in this case. Rehan Sheikh appears on the masthead of plaintiff’s complaint as “engineer,” and “state bar associate;” however, no State Bar number is given. Plaintiff is advised that her husband may not represent her unless he is a licensed by the State of California attorney, and is a member of the Bar of this court. See E.D. Local Rule 180. Therefore, the documents signed and filed by Rehan Sheikh may have no legal significance in this case.

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1 Plaintiff is informed that the local rules of this court provide that “[a]ny person  
2 appearing pro se may not utilize electronic filing except with the permission of the assigned  
3 Judge or Magistrate Judge.” E. D. Cal. L. R. 133(b)(2). Requests to use electronic filing may be  
4 submitted as written motions setting out an explanation of reasons for the requested exception.  
5 E. D. Cal. L. R. 133(b)(3) (“Requests to use paper or electronic filing as exceptions from these  
6 Rules shall be submitted as stipulations as provided in L.R. 143 or, if a stipulation cannot be had,  
7 as written motions setting out an explanation of reasons for the exception. Points and authorities  
8 are not required, and no argument or hearing will normally be held. . . .”)

9 Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that:

10 1. If plaintiff’s husband is an attorney licensed by the State of California, he shall  
11 submit his bar number via a pleading no later than February 12, 2010, and shall attest to his  
12 membership in the Bar of this court. If he is a licensed lawyer, he must sign up for and use  
13 CM/ECF (electronic filing).

14 2. If no pleading is filed by February 12, 2010 as described in paragraph 1, the  
15 the complaint is stricken. If plaintiff is representing herself, plaintiff shall file an amended  
16 complaint, signed by plaintiff, within 14 days of this order.

17 3. If no pleading is filed by February 12, 2010 as described in paragraph 1, the  
18 request for electronic filing is denied without prejudice, subject to a proper motion signed by  
19 plaintiff, demonstrating good cause.

20 DATED: February 3, 2010

/s/ Gregory G. Hollows

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GREGORY G. HOLLOWS  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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