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

SHARIDAN STILES, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WALMART, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

No. 2:14-CV-2234-KJM-DMC

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL
INDUSTRIES,

Plaintiff,

v.

SHARIDAN STILES,

Defendant.

No. 2:19-CV-1218-KJM-DMC

SHARIDAN STILES,

Plaintiff,

v.

TARGET CORPORATION,

Defendant.

No. 2:19-CV-2144-KJM-DMC

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SHARIDAN STILES,

Plaintiff,

v.

CVS PHARMACY, INC.,

Defendant.

No. 2:19-CV-2145-KJM-DMC

SHARIDAN STILES,

Plaintiff,

v.

WAL-MART STORES, INC.,

Defendant.

No. 2:19-CV-2146-KJM-DMC

ORDER

Pending before the Court in these related actions are various applications for leave to withdraw filed by counsel for Sharidan Stiles and Stiles 4 U, Inc. Specifically, the following applications have been filed:

Applications filed in Case No. 14-CV-2234-KJM-DMC

ECF No. 451 Dhillon Law Group (DLG) ex parte application for leave to withdraw and for stay of proceedings.

No hearing date noticed.

ECF No. 452 DLG amended ex parte application for leave to withdraw and for stay of proceedings.

No hearing date noticed.

ECF No. 453 Pierce, Bainbridge, Beck, Price & Hecht LLP (PBBP&H) ex parte application for leave to withdraw and for stay of proceedings.

Noticed for hearing before District Judge on June 26, 2020.

ECF No. 469 DLG ex parte application for in camera proceedings on applications for leave to withdraw.

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Applications Filed in Case No. 19-CV-1218-KJM-DMC

ECF No. 42 PBBP&H ex parte application for leave to withdraw and for stay of proceedings.

Noticed for hearing before District Judge on June 26, 2020.

ECF No. 43 DLG ex parte application for leave to withdraw and for stay of proceedings.

No hearing date noticed.

Applications Filed in Case No. 19-CV-2144-KJM-DMC

ECF No. 35 DLG ex parte application for leave to withdraw and for stay of proceedings.

No hearing date noticed.

ECF No. 36 DLG amended ex parte application for leave to withdraw and for stay of proceedings.

No hearing date noticed.

ECF No. 37 PBBP&H ex parte application for leave to withdraw and for stay of proceedings.

Noticed for hearing before District Judge on June 26, 2020.

Application Filed in Case No. 19-CV-2145-KJM-DMC

ECF No. 31 PBBP&H ex parte application for leave to withdraw and for stay of proceedings.

Noticed for hearing before District Judge on June 26, 2020.

DLG did not file an application for leave to withdraw in this case.

Applications Filed in Case No. 19-CV-2146-KJM-DMC

ECF No. 42 DLG ex parte application for leave to withdraw and for stay of proceedings.

No hearing date noticed.

ECF No. 43 DLG amended ex parte application for leave to withdraw and for stay of proceedings.

No hearing date noticed.

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1 ECF No. 44 PBBP&H ex parte application for leave to
2 withdraw and for stay of proceedings.

3 Noticed for hearing before District Judge
4 on June 26, 2020.

5 These matters have been referred to the undersigned and dates before the District
6 Judge have been vacated. See ECF No. 456 in case no. 14-CV-2234-KJM-DMC (minute order),
7 ECF No. 45 in case no. 19-CV-1218-KJM-DMC (minute order), ECF No. 38 in case no. 19-CV-
8 2144-KJM-DMC (minute order), ECF no. 32 in case no. 19-CV-2145-KJM-DMC (minute order),
9 and ECF No. 46 in case no. 19-CV-2146-KJM-DMC (minute order).

10 If granted, the various applications would leave Sharidan Stiles and Stiles 4 U,
11 Inc., without any counsel in these actions. Therefore, the applications are governed by Eastern
12 District of California Local Rule 182(d). That rule provides:

13 Unless otherwise provided herein, an attorney who has appeared
14 may not withdraw leaving the client in propria persona without leave of
15 court upon noticed motion and notice to the client and all other parties
16 who have appeared. The attorney shall provide an affidavit stating the
17 current or last known address or addresses of the client and the efforts
18 made to notify the client of the motion to withdraw. Withdrawal as
19 attorney is governed by the Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar
20 of California, and the attorney shall conform to the requirements of those
21 Rules. The authority and duty of the attorney of record shall continue
22 until relieved by order of the Court issued hereunder. Leave to withdraw
23 may be granted subject to such appropriate conditions as the Court deems
24 fit.

25 Id.

26 Here, the applications filed by DLG are procedurally defective in that none is
27 styled as a noticed motion. Rather, they are all filed as ex parte applications with no hearing date.
28 To the extent DLG filed the applications for hearing on shortened notice, DLG did not obtain an
order shortening time under Eastern District of California Local Rule 144(e). Notwithstanding
these technical deficiencies, the Court will sua sponte shorten time for a hearing on the pending
applications and excuse the filing defects. A review of the dockets reflects that the applications
otherwise comply with Local Rule 182(d).

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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The pending applications for leave to withdraw are all set for hearing before the undersigned on June 16, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in Redding, California;
2. All counsel shall appear telephonically through CourtCall;
3. Counsel for Sharidan Stiles and Stiles 4 U, Inc., shall arrange for Ms. Stiles' appearance telephonically though CourtCall; and
4. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order by mail to the following address:

Sharidan Stiles
Stiles 4 U, Inc.
2570 Harlan Drive
Redding, CA 96001

Dated: June 5, 2020



DENNIS M. COTA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE