

United States District Court  
For the Northern District of California

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

PAG-DALY CITY, LLC, dba CITY  
TOYOTA, a California limited liability  
company,

No. C 12-03907 WHA

Plaintiff,

v.

QUALITY AUTO LOCATORS, INC., et  
al.,

**ORDER REGARDING BRANSON,  
BRINKOP, GRIFFITH & STRONG,  
LLP’S MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS  
COUNSEL FOR JOSHUA BEST AND  
ALL CAR AUTO FINDERS, LLC**

Defendants.

On March 13, the firm of Branson, Brinkop, Griffith & Strong, LLP filed a motion to withdraw was counsel of record for Joshua Best, an individual, and All Car Auto Finders, LLC, noticed for May 1 (or the earliest available date) (Dkt. No. 352). Counsel seeks to withdraw because their clients “are unable to pay the agreed upon costs and attorney[’s] fees” (Br. 2). Counsel indicate that Mr. Best and All Car Auto Finders have consented to counsel’s withdrawal (Strong Decl. ¶ 4, Exhs. D, E).

Branson, Brinkop, Griffith & Strong also request that the motion be heard earlier than May 1. They have filed a stipulation signed by counsel for plaintiff Pag-Daly, LLC and counsel for a number of defendants (Dkt. No. 353). Mr. Best and All Car Auto Finders, LLC are *not* parties to the stipulation.

The Court is willing to accommodate counsel’s request for an earlier hearing date, on the condition that Joshua Best and All Car Auto Finders, LLC are able to appear on **APRIL 10 AT**

1 **8:00 A.M.** or waive in writing their appearances. If that condition is satisfied, then counsel may  
2 re-notice their motion to be heard at **8:00 A.M. ON APRIL 10**. Otherwise, the motion shall  
3 continue as noticed for May 1.

4 Counsel should be aware that All Car Auto Finders, LLC cannot proceed *pro se* unless  
5 alternative counsel steps in to represent the LLC. *See* Local Rule 3-9(b). The motion as to All  
6 Car Auto Finders, LLC is likely to be denied. The undersigned judge has not yet so ruled, but  
7 counsel should be aware of this likelihood.

8 If Joshua Best wishes to proceed *pro se*, he should be informed of the following:

9 1. All hearings before Judge William Alsup are heard at the United States District  
10 Court for the Northern District of California, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Courtroom 8, 19th Floor,  
11 San Francisco, CA 94102.


12 2. Judge Alsup's courtroom is *not* configured for telephonic appearances. That  
13 means, each party is required to appear *in person* or via counsel. Parties will need to appear in  
14 person for hearings, case management conferences, discovery disputes, final pretrial  
15 conferences, and trial.

16 3. All parties are expected to comply with the local rules, Judge Alsup's standing  
17 orders, Judge Alsup's supplemental order (Dkt. No. 53), orders entered in this action, the Federal  
18 Rules of Civil Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence, and governing law. Judge Alsup's  
19 standing orders are available at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/whaorders>.

20 4. All existing deadlines apply to all parties (Dkt. No. 281). Extensions are rarely  
21 granted; good cause (with a declaration signed under penalty of perjury) is needed to qualify.

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23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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25 Dated: March 14, 2014.

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28 WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE