Northern District of California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BRILLIANT INSTRUMENTS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

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GUIDETECH, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 09-cv-05517-CW

ORDER ON MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

DOCKET NO. 347

On October 30, 2014, attorney Eric Sofge filed a notice of appearance for Brilliant Instruments, Inc. in this matter. On October 30, 2014, Kao & Swope, LLP filed a motion to withdraw as counsel for Brilliant. They did not include proof of service on their client. No opposition was filed. The usual method of substituting counsel when prior counsel, new counsel, and the client are all in agreement is to file a stipulation so indicating, preferably with the stipulation of opposing counsel as well. Counsel were asked to do so and did not. Accordingly, the Court conditionally grants the motion to withdraw. Kao & Swope are ordered to file a declaration on December 22 that they have served their motion as well as this order on their client. Brilliant and Eric Sofge are advised that if they object to Kao & Swope's withdrawal, they must file an opposition to the motion on or before January 9. If they do not, the motion will be granted.

The Court notes that Brilliant remains the plaintiff in this case and Guidetech remains the defendant. Guidetech was referred to as the plaintiff during the trial for the jury's ease in understanding, and the Court erroneously used that caption on orders after the trial. However, the name of the case remains as it was filed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 19, 2014

United States District Judge