

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO
Magistrate Judge Kathleen M. Tafoya

Civil Action No. 09-cv-00309-MSK-KMT

SUZANNE SHELL,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMERICAN FAMILY RIGHTS ASSOCIATION,
LEONARD HENDERSON,
FAMILIES AT RISK DEFENSE ALLIANCE,
FRANCINE RENEE CYGAN,
MARK CYGAN,
ILLINOIS FAMILY ADVOCACY COALITION,
GEORGIA FAMILY RIGHTS, INC.,
DENNIS HINGER,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY ADVOCATES,
CONNECTICUT DCF WATCH,
ANN DURAND,
BRENDA SWALLOW,
KATHY TILLEY,
RANDALL BLAIR,
LLOYD PHILLIPS,
DESERE' CLABO aka HOWARD, and
UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS DOE 1-15,

Defendants.

ORDER

This matter is before the court on a review of several documents filed on behalf of Defendant Connecticut DCF Watch and signed by a former *pro se* defendant, Thomas Dutkiewicz.

It is a “long-standing rule that a corporation must be represented by an attorney to appear in federal court.” *Tal v. Hogan*, 453 F.3d 1244, 1254 (10th Cir. 2006) (footnote and citations omitted). Moreover, courts “have uniformly held that 28 U.S.C. § 1654, providing that ‘parties may plead and conduct their own cases personally or by counsel,’ does not allow corporations, partnerships, or associations to appear in federal court otherwise than through a licensed attorney.” *Rowland v. California Men’s Colony*, 506 U.S. 194, 202 (1993).

Thus, the pleadings filed by Thomas Dutkiewicz, a non-attorney, are not properly before the court and must be stricken. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Document Numbers 523, 524, 525, 526, and 537, filed by Thomas Dutkiewicz on behalf of Defendant Connecticut DCF Watch, are STRICKEN.

Dated this 30th day of January, 2012.

BY THE COURT:



Kathleen M. Tafoya
United States Magistrate Judge