UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

ROBERT E. EGGMANN, in his capacity as Trustee of the Estate of Joseph W. Diekemper and Margaret A. Diekemper,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Case No. 08-cv-757-JPG

JAMES RICHARD MYERS, a natural person, et al.,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Robert Eggmann's Notice of Voluntary

Dismissal (Doc. 176), which seeks to dismiss all claims against Defendants Joseph and Margaret Diekemper without prejudice.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(i), a plaintiff has an absolute

right to dismiss an action against an adverse party at any time before said party serves either an answer or a motion for summary judgment, whichever first occurs.

Here, neither Joseph nor Margaret Diekemper has filed an answer or a motion for summary judgment. Accordingly, the Court acknowledges that this matter is at an end as to said Defendants, **DENIES as moot** Joseph Diekemper's Motion to Appoint Counsel (Doc. 172), and **DIRECTS** the Clerk of Court to enter a corresponding judgment without costs at the close of this case.

IT IS SO ORDERED DATED: February 7, 2011

> <u>s/ J. Phil Gilbert</u> J. PHIL GILBERT DISTRICT JUDGE